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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOLS

District saves $550K by refinancing bond

Taxpayers will benefit from reduced millage

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph schools is saving more than $550,000 in taxpayer dollars by refunding a bond that voters approved a decade ago.

The school board put the finishing touches on the money-saving effort Monday after it adopted a bond ratification resolution that would both refund a 2010 bond and accept a bid issued for the 2020 Series II bond.

Refunding a bond is considered to be the same action as refinancing.

"It's a two-part bond refunding," said Kathy Hamilton, the district's chief financial officer. "We're refinancing our 2010 bond and issuing our 2016 capital projects, specifically the second series portion."

Originally, when the district was approached by PFM – a firm that serves as the school district's financial advisor – projections on potential net savings showed the district would save $385,000 by refunding the 2010 bond.

But as a result of the district's spending habits, St. Joseph Public Schools was able to save even more after increasing its credit rating from an A+ to a AA-.

Hamilton said the district saved more than $550,000 of taxpayer money with a true interest cost of 1.19 percent.

"We're saving the taxpayers that much money that we don't have to pay back on those bonds," Hamilton said. "It's just being good stewards with our taxpayers' dollars."

Christopher Iamarino of Thrun Law Firm, who serves as the district's bond counsel, reiterated that it will be taxpayers who benefit from the bond being refunded.

"The savings of more than $550,000 does not go into the general fund, but instead is realized over the life of the (bond) issue through lower millage rates, that would otherwise have to be levied to taxpayers," Iamarino told the school board Monday.

Eight bids were received on the day of pricing, on Feb. 5. By statute, the district accepted the lowest bid.

The district's student population, spending habits and performance level were considered when securing a new interest rate.

"When we started this whole process, some of the questions we were asked were about how well the district performs," Superintendent Thomas Bruce said. "Because of our students and our community, our population holds or even grows a little bit from year to year."

District voters first approved the $38 million, 25-year bond issue in May 2010, which led to the renovation of several school buildings,

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Tékeidra Masters has been selected as the 2020 Benton Harbor Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year. Masters said the club has helped her recover from depression in the wake of her uncle dying, and from other issues caused by a difficult move here from Chicago.

Message of hope

BH Boys & Girls Club Youth of Year wants to pay it forward

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — The new 2020 Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton Harbor said she wants people to know that when they are grieving and depressed, there is hope.

Benton Harbor High School senior Tékeidra Masters, 17, said that she became depressed after a beloved uncle, Maynord Boyd of Benton Harbor, died from pancreatic cancer in May 2018.

"This was the same person who got me to love softball, and I'm the captain of my softball team," said Masters, who won the Youth of the Year title last week at the Joel E. Smilow Teen Center on West Empire Avenue. "... He's the one who got me to love school, to fall in love with reading books. When he passed away, it took me down a road I had never been. I lost my mentor. I lost my role model."

At the time, she said she lived in the Chicago-area with her mom and a younger sister. After her uncle's death, she said they moved to Benton Harbor so they could be closer to family.

But she said she felt lost without her uncle.

"He was my best friend," she said. "When you lose your best friend, who do you turn to?"

She said she had no one to talk to about her grief and depression when she started attending Benton Harbor High School as a junior.

"At first, it was hard for me until (my mom) discovered the teen center," she said.

Masters said staff members helped her to open up to not just them, but to other students.

"When I entered (Benton Harbor High School), I hadn't spoken to nobody," she said. "I sat at the lunch table by myself. I did my work. I didn't speak. I worked on group projects by myself."

She said the staff at the teen center helped her be a better leader and friend. And now she wants to use her platform as the Youth of the Year to give back.

"What's been given to you, you give to others," she said.

And she wants to share with her peers the lessons her uncle taught her. While attending school in Illinois, she said she was bullied because she was a nerd.

"He was the one who let me know that it was OK," she said. "He said it's OK to stay true to who you are, no matter what anybody has to say about it. It's OK to be you. ... It's up to you to stick to your path and stick to what you want."

She said he taught her that some people will find fault in you no matter what you do.

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Benton Twp. welcomes 2 new trustees

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

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BETTS

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Two incoming Benton Township trustees were sworn in Tuesday night to a round of applause.

Janice Avery and Lemont Betts were officially made trustees to a board that hasn't been at full capacity for several months.

Avery and Betts were chosen by the board to serve unexpired terms, which end on Nov. 20, 2020.

Avery, 64, has lived in the township nearly all her life. Having worked for the township over 23 years, Avery is now semi-retired.

Betts, 53, grew up in the township and has worked at several retailers, including his current position where he is a manager at Lowe's.

"We thank them for being willing to take on this task," said Clerk Carolyn Phillips.

Shortly after the two trustees were sworn in, the board also voted to keep Avery on as a part-time secretary for the township's fire department.

The board unanimously approved the motion, with the exception of Avery, who abstained from the vote.

The township began accepting letters of interest from township residents in early December. Other than being a resident, another

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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Judge renews life without parole in juvenile lifer case

Tommy Richards to remain in prison for 1987 rape, murder

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A man who kidnapped, raped and killed a 10-year-old girl in Benton Harbor in 1987 has lost a renewed bid for freedom.

Tommy Richards, 49, was 17 when he raped and suffocated Shamika Hicks, stuffed her body in trash bags and left her in an abandoned refrigerator that was among trash in an otherwise vacant field. After a community-wide search for Shamika, whose mother had reported her missing, her body was found May 4, 1987.

RICHARDS

The investigation led police to Richards, who was found guilty of first-degree murder in November 1987 and was handed the mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole.

On 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court, in the case of Miller vs. Alabama, ruled that the mandatory penalty of life without parole for a juvenile is unconstitutional. The remedy is for the judge, after a hearing and consideration of several factors, to have the discretion to sentence to life without parole or some other sentence. The law was made retroactive, so thousands of cases across the country, included 12 in Berrien County, are winding their way through the court in what prosecutors are calling "Miller hearings."

Richards is the first "juvenile-lifer" from Berrien County to be re-sentenced to life without parole. His Miller hearing was held late last year and the presiding judge delivered her decision Tuesday.

"He was a predator and she was the prey," Berrien County Trial Court Judge Angela Pasula said before granting Berrien County Chief Trial Attorney Jeffrey Taylor's motion to re-sentence him to life without parole.

"The defendant asked for a second chance," Taylor told the judge before she pronounced sentence. "The question for this court is whether he deserves it. This, if not the worst, is one of the worst crimes ever in Berrien County. He raped and killed a 10-year-old girl."

Shamika's sister also addressed the court.

"When my sister passed, I not only lost a sister, but I lost my mother, who was distraught, and my childhood. I'm still going through things today. I still think about what could have been, what should have been. She wasn't only my sister, she was my best friend," LaShuwn Hicks told the judge.

Sofia Nelson, assistant defender in the State Appellate Defender Office, said she did not know the 17-year-old Tommy Richards.

"But I've known the 49-year-old since 2016. I have no doubt that Tommy Richards can be a law-abiding citizen. You simply cannot sentence children as an adult," Nelson said.

Factors judges must consider in Miller hearings include not only the facts of the case and the inmate's involvement in the crime, but also the inmate's history as a youth, including family history, prior criminal involvement, mental health issues, school history and the relative maturity of the inmate as a youth to appreciate fully the wrongfulness of their actions. Other factors are whether the inmate has taken responsibility for the crime and is rehabilitated. Conduct in prison can also be considered.

Richards pleaded his own case Tuesday, saying "I stand before you remorseful and contrite. I was selfish and reckless at 17. I was a coward, afraid to call police or an ambulance for help. I

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Bloomberg to go face to face against rivals

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE and KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For Mike Bloomberg, the one-way conversation with Democratic voters is about to end.

By spending more than $400 million of his own money and largely bypassing his opponents by skipping the early primary states, Bloomberg has rocketed to double-digit support in enough national polls to qualify for Wednesday night's Nevada debate.

But as Bloomberg's support has risen, so has the criticism from his Democratic foes as well as the broader scrutiny of his past comments and record as New York City mayor. As he faces his rivals onstage for the first time, they've made it clear they're eager to take him on.

On Tuesday, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren offered a preview of one line of attack the billionaire can expect face to face.

"It's a shame Mike Bloomberg can buy his way into the debate," she tweeted, "but at least now primary voters curious about how each candidate will take on Donald Trump can get a live demonstration of how we each take on an egomaniac billionaire."

It will be the first time he's debated in over a decade. And the first time in this campaign that Bloomberg will have to answer before a national audience for racial and sexist comments he's made in the past. Mark Green, the former New York City public advocate who ran against Bloomberg for mayor in 2001, says that could be tough.

"His insulting, wise-guy-ish comments on race and women and justice will not be easy to parry if the moderator or rival frames the questions correctly," he said.

A new NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist poll published Tuesday showed Bloomberg with 19 percent support nationally in the Democratic nominating contest, a striking figure for a candidate who has joined no debates and competed in no primaries.

The former New York City mayor, who launched his presidential campaign in November, will appear in Las Vegas alongside former Vice President Joe Biden, Sens. Warren, Bernie Sanders and Amy Klobuchar and former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg. Fellow billionaire and philanthropist Tom Steyer is still hoping to qualify.

While Bloomberg is appearing on the debate stage in Nevada, he still is not participating in Saturday's state caucus. He's skipping the first four voting states – Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina – in favor of focusing on the multitude of states that vote March 3, Super Tuesday.

Trying to keep expectations in check, aides have repeatedly noted in recent days that Bloomberg's rivals have had multiple debates to hone their skills and talking points. On the campaign trail, he's still using a teleprompter to deliver his short stump speeches, and he rarely takes questions directly from voters.

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Michigan
Poker Lotto
JD-AS-7D-10D-7H
Midday Daily 3
5-8-3
Midday Daily 4
8-8-9-9
Daily 3
4-8-8
Daily 4
9-7-2-6
Fantasy 5
01-12-22-27-39
Keno
03-07-09-16-31-32-35-36-37-43-48-55-56-57-58-59-68-69-73-75-77-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$45 million
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Monday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
18-21-30-34-38
Cash4Life
16-31-35-36-37, Cash Ball: 4
Quick Draw Midday
02-04-10-12-17-22-26-27-31-33-34-39-47-51-52-54-57-58-72-73, BE: 72
Daily Three-Midday
3-7-6, SB: 8
Daily Three-Evening
6-8-2, SB: 3
Daily Four-Midday
8-4-2-1, SB: 8
Daily Four-Evening
6-9-2-9, SB: 3
Quick Draw Evening
09-17-20-26-38-41-49-50-52-55-56-58-61-62-65-66-69-71-74-75, BE: 69

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Lotto
12-33-40-42-44-48, Extra Shot: 8
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Pick Three-Midday
3-3-2, Fireball: 5
Pick Three-Evening
6-1-4, Fireball: 7
Pick Four-Midday
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President Trump goes on clemency spree, and the list is long

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President Donald Trump talks to the media before he boards Air Force One for a trip to Los Angeles to attend a campaign fundraiser, Tuesday, at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump went on a clemency blitz Tuesday, commuting former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich's 14-year prison sentence and pardoning former New York City police commissioner Bernie Kerik, among a long list of others.

Those who got a break from Trump include financier Michael Milken, the "junk bond king" who served two years in prison in the early 1990s after pleading guilty to violating U.S. securities laws, and Edward DeBartolo Jr., the former San Francisco 49ers owner convicted in a gambling fraud scandal after building one of the most successful NFL teams in history. But Trump also commuted the sentences of several women with more sympathetic cases to balance out the men convicted of corruption.

In all, Trump took clemency actions related to 11 people, his latest interventions in the justice system as he faces growing criticism for weighing in on the cases of former aides. Trump made clear that he saw similarities between efforts to investigate his own conduct and those that took down Blagojevich, a Democrat who appeared on Trump's reality TV show, "Celebrity Apprentice."

"It was a prosecution by the same people – Comey, Fitzpatrick, the same group," Trump told reporters. He was referring to Patrick Fitzgerald, the former U.S. attorney who prosecuted Blagojevich and now represents former FBI Director James Comey, whom Trump fired from the agency in May 2017. Comey was working in the private sector during the Blagojevich investigation and indictment.

The clemency actions come as an emboldened Trump continues to test the limits of his office now that impeachment is over. The actions drew alarm from Democratic Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. of New Jersey, who accused Trump of using his unfettered pardon power "to shield unrepentant felons, racists and corrupt scoundrels."

Blagojevich was convicted on charges of political corruption, including seeking to sell an appointment to former President Barack Obama's old Senate seat and trying to shake down a children's hospital – actions Fitzgerald once described as "a political corruption crime spree" that would make Abraham Lincoln turn over in his grave.

But Trump said the former governor had been subjected to a "ridiculous sentence" that didn't fit his crimes.

"That was a tremendously powerful, ridiculous sentence, in my opinion and in the opinion of many others," he said.

Trump also pardoned Kerik, who served just over three years for tax fraud and lying to the White House while being interviewed to serve as homeland security secretary. Trump's White House, however, lauded Kerik. "Since his conviction, he has focused on improving the lives of others, including as a passionate advocate for criminal justice and prisoner reentry reform," the White House release stated.

Trump confirmed the pardons on an air base tarmac as he left Washington for a West Coast visit. He said he had yet to think about pardoning his longtime confidant Roger Stone, who is scheduled to be sentenced Thursday, or granting clemency to several former aides who have ended up in legal jeopardy, including his former campaign chairman Paul Manafort and disgraced former national security adviser Mike Flynn.

But he made clear anew that he is sympathetic to their cases. "Somebody has to stick up for the people," Trump said. As for Stone, in particular, he added: "You're going to see what happens. I think he's treated unfairly."

Homeland Security waives contracting laws for wall

By ELLIOT SPAGAT
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Randy Hoeft

Chad Wolf, Acting Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, places a plaque on a new section of the bollard style border wall being constructed northwest of County 9th Street and Avenue F along the Colorado River, in Yuma, Ariz., on Jan. 10, 2020.

SAN DIEGO — The Trump administration said Tuesday that it is waiving federal contracting laws to speed construction of a wall at the U.S.-Mexico border, moving the president closer to fulfilling a signature campaign promise in an election year but sparking criticism about potential for fraud, waste and abuse.

The Department of Homeland Security said waiving procurement regulations will allow 177 miles of wall to be built more quickly in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. The 10 waived laws include a requirement for open competition and giving losing bidders a chance to protest decisions.

The acting Homeland Security secretary, Chad Wolf, is exercising authority under a 2005 law that gives him sweeping powers to waive laws for building border barriers.

"We hope that will accelerate some of the construction that's going along the southwest border," Wolf told Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends."

Secretaries under President Donald Trump have issued 16 waivers, and President George W. Bush issued five, but Tuesday's announcement marks the first time that waivers have applied to federal procurement rules. Previously they were used to waive environmental impact reviews.

The Trump administration said the waivers will allow at least 94 miles of wall to be built this year, bringing the Republican leader closer to his goal of about 450 mile since he took office and made it one of his top domestic priorities. It said the other 83 miles covered by the waivers may get built this year.

"Under the president's leadership, we are building more wall, faster than ever before," the department said in a statement.

Critics say the waivers do away with key taxpayer safeguards. U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson, a Mississippi Democrat who chairs the House Homeland Security Committee, said the president's "cronies are likely to be the beneficiaries."

Charles Tiefer a professor at University of Baltimore School of Law who specializes in government contracts, said the government "can just pick the contractor you want and and you just ram it through ... The sky's the limit on what they bill."

Scott Amey, general counsel at the Project on Government Oversight, said waiving a law for contractors to provide the government with certified cost data – such as how much they pay for labor or parts – could lead to grossly inflated prices.

"It's equivalent to buying a car without seeing a sticker price," Amey said. "This could be a recipe for shoddy work and paying a much higher price than they should."

Administration officials say providing cost data can be onerous and difficult.

Congress gave the secretary power to waive laws in areas of high illegal activity in 2005 in legislation that included emergency spending for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and minimum standards for state-issued identification cards. The Senate approved it unanimously, with support from Joe Biden, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. The House passed it with strong bipartisan support; then-Rep. Bernie Sanders voted against it.

The waiver authority has survived legal challenges. In 2018, a federal judge in San Diego rejected arguments by California and environmental advocacy groups that the secretary's broad powers should have an expiration date. An appeals court upheld the ruling last year.

The waivers, to be published in the Federal Register, apply to projects that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will award in six Border Patrol sectors: San Diego and El Centro in California; Yuma and Tucson in Arizona; El Paso, which spans New Mexico and west Texas, and Del Rio, Texas.

The move came five days after Defense Secretary Mark Esper approved a $3.8 billion request from Homeland Security to pay for walls in those same areas, and the Pentagon acknowledged that more cuts could be coming to provide additional funding. The Pentagon's decision stripped money from major aircraft and procurement programs that touch Republican and Democratic districts and states.

Coronavirus case confirmed among cruise ship evacuees

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — A new case of coronavirus was confirmed among people evacuated from a cruise ship to a California military base, authorities said Tuesday.

The patient, who tested positive for the virus in Japan but had no symptoms, was placed in isolation Monday at Queen of the Valley Medical Center in Napa along with another evacuee who tested negative for the virus but then showed symptoms, according to a statement from representatives of the hospital and Napa County.

Both had been in quarantine at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, about 50 miles north of San Francisco.

The two are among more than 300 American cruise ship passengers who were quarantined at military bases in California and Texas after arriving from Japan on charter flights Sunday night and Monday.

The U.S. said it arranged for the evacuation because people on the Diamond Princess were at high risk of exposure to the new virus that's been spreading in Asia. The evacuation cut short a 14-day quarantine that began aboard the cruise ship Feb. 5.

The State Department announced later that 14 of the evacuees received confirmation they had the virus but were allowed to board the flight because they had no symptoms.

Meanwhile, nearly 350 Americans who fled the coronavirus zone in China completed a 14-day quarantine at California military bases and were cleared to go home Tuesday, officials announced.

A group of 180 people at Travis and 166 others at the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar near San Diego were medically cleared to leave, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

"These people being released from quarantine pose no health risk to the surrounding community, or to the communities they will be returning to," the agency said.

Two other groups that arrived in government-chartered flights from virus-stricken areas of China are expected to be released from the military bases in California later this week.

At Travis, the cruise ship evacuees from Japan are being housed away from those who arrived from China, officials said.

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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Preliminary hearing for Jameel McGee gets underway

Exonerated and freed years ago, McGee now faces new shooting charge

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A Benton Harbor man pointed to Jameel McGee on Tuesday as the man he saw shoot another man in Benton Township last Aug. 15.

McGee, who years ago was exonerated after serving nearly four years in federal prison for a crime he didn't commit now faces new, serious charges. He is alleged to have shot and injured Dalonte Carter, 22, of Benton Harbor, once in the thigh and once to the abdominal area and is charged with assault with intent to murder.

McGEE

A preliminary hearing began for him Tuesday on that charge, plus charges of possession of a firearm by a felon and two counts of weapons felony firearms. He faces up to life in prison if convicted as charged.

Eddie Glaspy testified in Berrien County Trial Court on Tuesday that he and some friends were hanging out in a parking lot outside the Blossom Acres housing complex in Benton Township at about 2:30 a.m. Aug. 15, 2019. He said a man and woman starting arguing in the yard in front of their house and the man starting beating on the woman. He said a man he knows only by his street name "Tall Folks" went to help the woman, while McGee went to help the man.

He said McGee and "Tall Folks" had words and "Tall Folks" took off running with McGee behind him chasing him. He said he saw McGee reach into his waistband, then heard two shots.

"When Tall Folks (Dalonte Carter) got hit he kept running, then he collapsed in the parking lot. Everybody's yelling that the police are coming. I went down to my knees and gave him water and stayed with him until paramedics got there."

McGee's lawyer, Daniel Grow, cross-examined Glaspy, claiming some of his testimony differed from what was written in a police report from the night of the shooting.

"The first night, you did not know the name of the person doing the shooting, correct?" Grow asked, to which Glaspy responded "correct."

"How do you know now?" Grow asked, to which Glaspy replied "From the subpoena (calling him to testify in the case)."

He added, "I'm not good with names but I never forget a face."

Berrien County Sheriff's Deputy Lt. David Zizkovsky collected evidence at the scene of the shooting. He testified that he found nine spent shell casings and one fired bullet. He said all nine casings were from the same type of gun, but from three different manufacturers. The items were sent to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab for testing.

Jeffrey Taylor, chief trial attorney in the Berrien County Prosecutor's Office, played for the court a recording of a 911 call made anonymously on Aug. 16, 2019. The caller tells a dispatcher that "there's a man outside with a gun in his pocket." The female voice describes what the man is wearing and says "he's the shooter from the other night." She adds, "When you see him, he's going to run, like he did yesterday."

St. Joseph Public Safety Officer Nicholas Cooper was working for the Benton Township Police Department at the time. He testified that he was on patrol when he took a call about a person with a gun, along with a description of the man and his clothing. He said he spotted the man in front of the Highland apartments and

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Watervliet Twp. working to increase citizen involvement

New communications tower planned for top of Watervliet Hospital

By JAMES P. MILLER
HP Correspondent

WATERVLIET — Watervliet Township trustees got an update Monday night on an ambitious effort to broaden the makeup of the citizen appointees who staff the various boards that oversee important – but often low-profile – civic operations.

In addition, Dave Vollrath, with the Berrien County Board of County Commissioners, provided details of a pending plan to erect an emergency-services radio antenna atop the Spectrum Health Lakeland hospital in Watervliet, in order to remedy what has been an ongoing signal problem in the area.

Trustee Joe Stepich had, at January's meeting, raised the issue of recurring vacancies on what are known as "sub-boards" and committees; those panels are typically comprised largely of appointed citizen volunteers. Then he introduced an additional dimension: As a function of the way the current system works, he said, "When we do fill the positions," the new appointees generally tend to "be like us."

Township governance, Stepich said at the time, would benefit from including a wider group of people with different perspectives. At that earlier meeting, the board discussed how to recruit more broadly. As an initial step, they asked Stepich to work on specific descriptions of the responsibilities of township boards, and to post those updated descriptions on the township's website.

At Monday's meeting, trustees got a look at completed descriptions for such bodies as the township board of review, the joint fire board, the Paw Paw Lake Area Wastewater Treatment Plant Authority Board, and others. A few remaining updates are still to be done.

By the time of the March meeting, Stepich said, all the new descriptions will have been posted and trustees will be in a position to decide how best to advance the recruitment effort. By reaching out to a broader group of potential candidates, he said, "We hope to get some people to step up."

Separately, Vollrath told the board that the county is now close to an agreement with Spectrum on a plan to place a communications antenna atop the hospital building.

The total cost of the tower is expected to be about $400,000, Vollrath said, noting that figure represents a "big savings" over the much higher price tag – "over a million dollars" – that constructing a free-standing tower to house the transmitter would entail.

Vollrath explained after the meeting that emergency communications in the northeast portion of Berrien County have been plagued in the past by "dead spots." The new antenna will likely be of most use to firefighters, he noted, but it will also be available for use by law-enforcement and other first responders as needed.

Don Campbell / HP staff

A news conference was called Tuesday by supporters of a man who say a Benton Harbor public safety officer used excessive force during an arrest in December. Shown on Tuesday, from left, are Pastor Carlton Lynch of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church; Michelle Evans, the mother of the man who was arrested; activist Gwen Swanigan of the SHARP Foundation; and Jane Willhite, an evangelist from Kalamazoo.

Acceptable use of force or police brutality?

Video shows Benton Harbor officer striking suspect after man fled traffic stop; McGinnis defends officer as others condemn the arrest

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor Mayor Marcus Muhammad said Tuesday that the Dec. 28 arrest of a Benton Harbor man will be thoroughly investigated after more than 10 citizens complained that the man was beaten by the arresting officer.

"It is a serious matter, but it's not a time, I don't believe, to use it to inflame," Muhammad said at the city commission meeting.

He said the incident will be investigated by City Manager Ellis Mitchell and Benton Harbor Public Safety Director Dan McGinnis. He said it can be a teaching moment because police officers and citizens all have the responsibility to follow the law.

"When we work together and we all obey the law, then that's when we have a peaceful and safe community to live in," he said. "... We most definitely will address the matter swiftly."

Surveillance video of the arrest at the May Street Market, 131 E. May St., started being circulated last week on social media. It shows Benton Harbor police officer Drew Wagner hitting 27-year-old Michael Thompson three times in the head with his fist after chasing him around the gas pumps and using a Taser on him twice.

Everyone involved agrees to these facts. But there is disagreement over whether Wagner used excessive force when he hit Thompson in the head.

At a news conference earlier on Tuesday called by Thompson supporters, several people called for Wagner to be suspended while the alleged use of excessive force is investigated by an outside agency.

"The reality is the city can't investigate the city," said Pastor Carlton Lynch from Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Benton Township. "Not only are we calling for an investigation ... but we're calling for the Michigan State Police to move in on this investigation at this time."

Gwen Swanigan from the S.H.A.R.P. Foundation (Society Harmonizing Against Racial Profiling) said this is not the first time people have complained about how Wagner has treated suspects.

"We're calling for justice for Michael Thompson and justice for other families that have gone through this and hopefully, we won't have to go through this again with this particular officer," she said.

When contacted about the incident, McGinnis said he has no record of anyone previously complaining about Wagner, who has been with his department for almost three years.

"He did punch him," McGinnis said, of the Thompson arrest. "It's not illegal. It's not against policy. (The suspect) was actively resisting."

Berrien County Chief Public Defender Christopher Renna said he can't comment on a specific case. But he said he can confirm

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EAU CLAIRE SCHOOLS

Headed in the right direction

Eau Claire superintendent pleased with where finances are at

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

EAU CLAIRE — Eau Claire school district finances are still headed in the right direction. That was the message from this week's Eau Claire Board of Education meeting.

Superintendent Ann Shell said the school board approved the first budget amendment of the 2019-20 year which showed the general fund continuing to show a surplus and adding to the fund balance.

Shell said general fund revenue grew from the original figure of $8.9 million, to $9.1 million now. General fund expenditures were originally projected to be $8.88 million and are now set at just under $9.08 million. The slight budget surplus means the district's general fund balance will increase from the projected $254,933 to $277,103.

"We're slowly moving the needle and the Michigan Department of Treasury is proud of our improvement," she said. "We're still headed in the right direction."

The district has been working with the Michigan Department of Treasury for more than a year and sending monthly reports to them due to the district's low fund balance.

The state encourages school districts to have a fund balance that represents 15 percent of expenditures. For Eau Claire, that percentage has ticked up a little from 2.7 percent last year to 3.05 percent. The fund balance as a percentage of expenditures was as low as 1.9 percent in 2018.

Revenue and expenditures went up primarily because of the district getting more state aid than anticipated, plus enrollment being up slightly over projections. The district had based the budget on having 745 students and fall

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BARODA TWP.

Freehling donates grain rescue tube

Tool would be used in case of entrapment in grain silo

By WILLIAM F. AST III
HP Correspondent

BARODA — To those unfamiliar with farming, there may not seem to be much danger associated with grain silos or storage bins.

The reality is far different – the grain can act like quicksand or snow in an avalanche, and unwary or unlucky farmers can easily be overwhelmed, injured or even killed. In 2018, there were 30 "grain entrapment cases" in the U.S., and half were fatal cases, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Between August and December last year, there was "a startling uptick in grain bin accidents as farmers rushed to clear last year's unused grain," resulting in 14 deaths, the USDA said in a news release. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue proclaimed the third week in February as National Grain Bin Safety Week.

The Baroda Township Fire Department on Monday took delivery of a grain rescue tube, aimed at making it far easier for emergency responders to rescue victims. The purchase was made possible by a donation from Berrien County Commissioner Terri Freehling and her daughters, Marissa, 13, and Natalie, 8.

Freehling's husband, Patrick, was killed in a farm accident last May 2. The accident didn't involve a silo, but "if this can save another family from feeling the trauma that our family experienced, then it's money well spent," Freehling said. "It was something no one should experience."

Making a contribution for some sort of farm rescue equipment was "one of the last community needs that Patrick and I had talked about," Freehling said. The contribution was "to say thanks to all the fire responders and emergency workers who came to our aid when Patrick passed."

Deputy Fire Chief Doug

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Whirlpool nominates LaClair to Board of Directors

By HP STAFF

BENTON HARBOR — Whirlpool Corp. announced Tuesday that Jennifer LaClair was nominated for election to its Board of Directors.

The vote for LaClair's addition to the board will be made at the appliance maker's annual meeting of stockholders on April 21.

LaClair is the chief financial officer of Ally Financial and a member of the firm's executive council. As CFO, her responsibilities include oversight of Ally's finance, accounting, capital markets, treasury, investor relations, modeling and analytics and supply chain.

"Jenn is a highly respected leader in the financial services industry," Whirlpool CEO Marc Bitzer said in a news release. "Her unique experience and perspective will be a valuable asset to the board of directors as Whirlpool Corp. forges ahead in our pursuit to constantly improve life at home."

Prior to joining Ally Financial in December 2017, LaClair spent 10 years at PNC Financial Services. Most recently, she served as the head of business banking where she was charged with setting strategy, driving performance and managing risk.

Prior to this role, she held a number of senior positions at the company and served as the chief financial officer across all of PNC's business lines. Previously she was a consultant at McKinsey and Company, focused on strategy and operations.

"Whirlpool Corp.'s ability to successfully navigate a dynamic environment by leveraging its iconic brands and global scale to deliver innovative products to its customers has been truly impressive," LaClair said in the release. "I'm thrilled to be nominated to join the board of a company with a strong customer focus and a terrific culture. I look forward to sharing my financial and operational experience to help guide Whirlpool as it executes on its strategic priorities."

LaClair's nomination marks the first time in Whirlpool history that the slate of board nominees will have four female members. The move makes it a 30 percent female representation on the company's board.

Board members William Perez and Michael Johnston will retire at the end of their term after 10 and 16 years of service, respectively.

Current members of the board that have been nominated for re-election are Marc Bitzer, Samuel Allen, Greg Creed, Gary DiCamillo, Diane Dietz, Gerri Elliott, John Liu, James Loree, Harish Manwani, Patricia Poppe, Larry Spencer and Michael White.

McGEE

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approached him.

"I told him to put his hands on his head. He did not comply. He had his hands near his waist. I grabbed on to his arms and waited for back-up, about 10-15 seconds. He was shaking a lot," Cooper told Judge Angela Pasula. "Once he was handcuffed I advised him I was going to pat him down. I asked him if he had anything illegal and he said 'no.' I asked him if he had a weapon and he said, 'Yup. I do. I have a gun." Cooper said he then located a 9 mm handgun in the man's waistband.

Cooper pointed to McGee as the man he'd taken a gun from on Aug. 16, the day after the shooting.

Taylor said McGee has already been bound over for trial previously on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a firearm by a felon, assaulting/resisting and obstructing police, two counts of weapons felony firearms and possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number.

The prosecutor asked for an adjournment of the remainder of Tuesday's hearing due to one witness being unavailable to testify. The hearing will continue Feb. 25.

Judge Gordon Hosbein, who arraigned McGee last week on the most recent charges, set bond at $500,000, noting "You have (several) prior convictions."

Years ago, one of those convictions was set aside, giving McGee a chance at freedom. He was sent to prison for 10 years on drug charges after he was framed in 2005 by Andrew Collins, a Benton Harbor police officer at the time. Collins eventually admitted to having fabricated evidence in several cases, and went to prison himself for 18 months. McGee had already served nearly four years in prison for the crime he didn't commit, and was released in February 2009.

Years later, the two men ended up working together at the same cafe, McGee forgave Collins and they became friends. Their story of forgiveness and redemption made national news and together they published a book, "Convicted: A Crooked Cop, an Innocent Man, and an Unlikely Journey of Forgiveness and Friendship."

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IN BRIEF

Paquette announces February office hours

State Rep. Brad Paquette, R-Niles, announced his upcoming office hours for February, according to a news release.

Paquette will be available Saturday, Feb. 22, from 10-11 a.m. at Infusco Coffee Roasters, 5846 Sawyer Road in Sawyer; and 12-1 p.m. at Union Coffee House, 115 E. Front St. in Buchanan.

No appointments are necessary. Those who are unable to attend at the scheduled times, but would like an opportunity to talk with Paquette may call his office at 517-373-1796, or email BradPaquette@house.mi.gov.

Michigan State sells property to cultural center

LELAND TOWNSHIP (AP) — A piece of northern Michigan property long owned by Michigan State University has been sold to a local cultural center.

The East Lansing school's Board of Trustees approved the sale of the Leland Township property Friday to the Leelanau Community Cultural Center for $800,000. The center had been using it for cultural and educational programming.

The township, which had a long-term lease for the property, constructed an additional building and was responsible for the overall maintenance of and improvements to the buildings and grounds, the university said.

TUBE

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deBest said the aluminum tube comes in light sections, so rescuers can get the tube into small spaces and quickly assemble it on site. The rescuers force the tube over the victim, and use a small auger to remove the grain in the tube, he said.

It's almost impossible to pull someone out who is encased in grain, deBest said.

Sometimes stored grain forms a crust at the top, with a hollow section underneath, deBest said. If anyone tries stomping the crust to break it up, they can fall into a hole and be quickly covered by collapsing walls of grain, he said.

If a victim's head is covered by grain, he "has only minutes or even seconds," deBest said.

The contribution will also help fund training to use the tube, deBest said.

"We lost a good man" on May 2, Freehling said. "He loved farming in Baroda, he loved the Baroda community, and we felt that this was a good way to pay that back. I know he's smiling down here, right now."

The grain rescue tube costs around $4,000, firefighters said.

Other business

Also on Monday the board hired a new code enforcement officer, and officials plan to put him to work at once.

Trustee David Wolf made a motion to hire Greg Nelson and "turn him loose on our list."

Wendie Shafer, secretary of the township's planning commission, told the board that the planners have received a complaint about property at 11740 Hills Road, the address of the NIMBY Pond. The property has a deteriorating, unoccupied house and is "increasingly filled with materials that are in open storage," according to the complaint from three neighbors.

The NIMBY Pond features snowmobile races over a pond, an activity that requires a special land use permit. The planning commission in January voted to accept owner Mark Schutze's request to rescind his application for a continuation of his permit, and he told the planners he intends to apply for a new permit.

Shafer told the board she has consulted with the township's lawyer, Charles Ammeson, who recommended that "the township board be the enforcing entity" on any complaints, rather than the planners.

"We just need to get our ordinance officer and get him out there," said Treasurer Brenda Troxell, before the vote to hire Nelson.

Nelson is also code enforcement officer for Chikaming Township and a reserve police officer, firefighter and medical first responder for Chikaming as well.

Also Monday, the board gave Trustee David Wolf permission to talk to Ammeson about what he said were six residents' concerns about Clerk Christina Price taking care of her baby while at the township office.

The board had received an anonymous letter of complaint about the situation. Price said she had told the board about her work plans before the baby was born, and that Ammeson had told her there is no township policy about such matters.

"I have been approached by six township residents about the issue," Wolf said. When an audience member asked what the concern was, Wolf replied, "Disruption of the work place, distraction while he's (the baby) here, and my concern is the appearance we have as a place of business."

Brow reduces salary, office hours

In other matters, Supervisor Jim Brow said he's going to reduce his hours as well as his salary effective April 1, the start of the township's new fiscal year.

Brow said he will be in his office from noon to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Any other times will be by appointment only, he added.

Brow currently earns $28,000 a year. Starting in April, that will go down to $16,500, he said.

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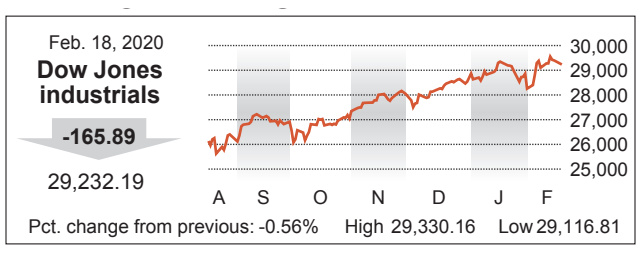

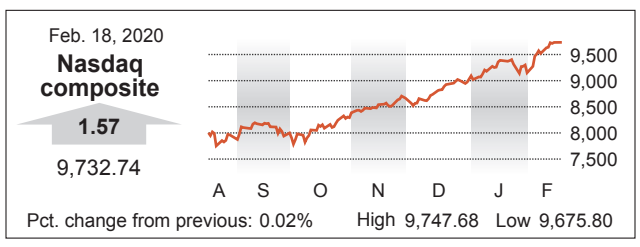

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▲ **4-wk.** +5.0% ▲ **YTD** +10.4%

Whirlpool WHR
$148.08 **-4.08 -2.7%**
▼ **4-wk.** -2.2% ▲ **YTD** +.4%

LocalStocks

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LO	HI	◇CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	29.67	39.70	38.26	+.01	...	▬	▼	▼
AEP	AEP	79.91	104.97	104.33	+.57	+0.5	▲	▲	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	169.49	327.85	319.00	-5.95	-1.8	▼	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	886.95	1274.41	1073.85	+20.64	+2.0	▲	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	35.07	45.38	36.09	+.09	+0.3	▲	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	53.41	68.98	68.86	+.35	+0.5	▲	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	44.42	60.07	59.53	-.42	-0.7	▼	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	37.44	47.74	46.15	+.06	+0.1	▲	▼	▲
Deere	DE	132.68	180.48	166.30	-1.77	-1.1	▼	▼	▼
Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	139.14	-.40	-0.3	▼	▼	▼
DollarTree	DLTR	85.37	119.71	91.08	+2.40	+2.7	▲	▲	▼
ExxonMbl	XOM	59.62	83.49	59.88	-.77	-1.3	▼	▼	▼
FifthThird	FITB	24.17	31.64	29.24	-.36	-1.2	▼	▲	▼
1stSource	SRCE	41.88	53.42	47.24	-.52	-1.1	▼	▼	▼
FordM	F	8.02	10.56	8.06	-.04	-0.5	▼	▼	▼
GenElec	GE	7.65	13.26	12.75	-.08	-0.6	▼	▲	▲
HomeDp	HD	179.52	245.20	243.94	-1.09	-0.4	▼	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	15.21	19.48	16.97	-.10	-0.6	▼	▼	▼
HuntBncsh	HBAN	12.15	15.63	13.91	-.17	-1.2	▼	▼	▼
IDEX	IEX	142.20	178.14	174.95	+.16	+0.1	▲	▲	▲
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Microsoft	MSFT	106.29	190.70	187.23	+1.88	+1.0	▲	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	33.94	49.88	40.18	-.23	-0.6	▼	▼	▼
Penney	JCP	0.53	1.92	.71	+.00	+0.3	▲	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.68	60.98	58.95	+1.24	+2.1	▲	▼	▲
Pfizer	PFE	33.97	44.56	36.32	-.19	-0.5	▼	▼	▼
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RepubSvc	RSG	76.13	100.66	100.27	-.16	-0.2	▼	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	14.45	23.02	18.94	-.10	-0.5	▼	▼	▼
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Target	TGT	70.03	130.24	117.83	+1.86	+1.6	▲	▲	▼
TractSupp	TSCO	88.02	114.25	97.83	-.34	-0.3	▼	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	92.65	125.31	106.42	+.47	+0.4	▲	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	54.26	62.22	57.91	-.60	-1.0	▼	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	74.89	102.11	102.88	+1.01	+1.0	▲	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	96.53	125.38	119.63	+1.74	+1.5	▲	▲	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	49.03	74.95	51.86	-.53	-1.0	▼	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	16.25	23.02	23.21	+.30	+1.3	▲	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	114.00	163.64	148.08	-4.08	-2.7	▼	▼	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	33.18	44.69	37.20	-.57	-1.5	▼	▼	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	45.73	96.26	98.06	+2.86	+3.0	▲	▲	▲

VIDEO

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Michelle Evans, mother of Michael Thompson, attends a news conference Tuesday to discuss alleged use of excessive force by the Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety against her son during a traffic stop in December.

that his office has received several complaints about Wagner. He said what that means would be up to a jury to decide.

McGinnis said the surveillance video doesn't show all of the details of what happened. He said Wagner observed a white Volkswagon sedan backed up against the store – a common tactic used when a vehicle doesn't have a legitimate license plate.

As the vehicle left the parking lot, he said Wagner was able to check the Michigan license plate and found it to have no record.

According to the police report, dashcam video from Wagner's vehicle and bodycam video from Wagner, all supplied by McGinnis, the officer followed the sedan as it turned down a nearby alley about a block away without a turn signal. After Wagner activated his emergency lights to make a traffic stop, Thompson got out of the vehicle and started running back to the market after Wagner ordered him to get back into the car.

While running, Wagner is heard ordering Thompson to stop. While in the market's parking lot, Wagner deployed the Taser, which appeared to have minimal effect. With the Taser's two probes still in Thompson's back, Wagner activated the Taser for a second 5-second cycle. Thompson fell and started pulling the Taser probes out of his back.

"I then delivered two closed fist strikes to Michael's head to prevent him from removing the probes and to try to get control of him and reset his thought process, as he was a large statured male and I had no backup at the time," Wagner wrote in his report.

McGinnis said Thompson is bigger and stronger than Wagner. He said using physicality is an acceptable police tactic to break a suspect's thought processes.

Thompson's mother, Michelle Evans, said during the city commission meeting that her son running away from the police officer was wrong, but once he was on the ground, he was no longer resisting arrest and didn't deserve to get hit in the head. She said she was finally able to do something about it when her son's attorney shared the video with her.

McGinnis said earlier in the day that Thompson was still resisting arrest by pulling the Taser probes out of his back.

"As you can see in the video, he continued to struggle until the other officers arrived," he said.

McGinnis said it took four officers to handcuff Thompson.

Swanigan said during the city commission meeting that of course Thompson was trying to pull out the Taser probes, because they hurt. She said that was a normal response, and he was not resisting arrest.

According to the police report, Wagner drove Thompson to Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph, where medical staff found that the only injury he had was the two Taser probe punctures. Wagner reported that he was diagnosed with a contusion on his right hand, although X-rays showed no fracture. He wrote that he was required to wear a splint, elevate his hand and ice it to reduce the swelling.

"I could not put any pressure on my hand or hold anything," Wagner wrote in his report.

McGinnis said Wagner was out for a couple of weeks until his hand healed.

While he was chasing and arresting Thompson, Wagner reported that he didn't know who Thompson was.

Once police identified Thompson, they found that he had a felony warrant out for his arrest from the Michigan State Police narcotics task force for allegedly manufacturing dangerous drugs and a multi-count felony warrant from Kentwood for resisting arrest and other charges. He is now lodged in the Berrien County Jail on multiple charges.

None of the city commissioners or McGinnis addressed the incident at the city commission meeting by press time.

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EAU CLAIRE

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enrollment ended up at 771 students.

Shell said the February enrollment count took place last week but numbers won't be final until later this week. State aid is based every year on the blended counts in February and October during a calendar year. The count is a 90-10 blend with 90 percent of the count based on the October numbers.

In other action, the board adopted new districtwide third-grade policy and procedures. Shell said that the action came in reaction to the state law which requires third-graders to be proficient in reading starting this year. She said the new policy and procedures develops the process of notifying parents about the ramifications of the law.

In hirings and resignations, board members accepted the retirement of middle school math teacher Gary Perrine and the resignation of paraprofessional Robert Bruce. Catherine Steinke was hired as the new middle school math teacher and Samantha Clark as the lead teacher for the S'MORE summer camp.

Shell said around 20 kids have either enrolled or expressed interest in the new summer camp program. S'MORE stands for "Science, Math, Outrageous Fun, Reading and Engaging the Brain." It will be an eight-week summer program for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade running from June 22 to Aug. 14. The registration deadline is March 27.

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PRIME TIME TV

WEDNESDAY EVENING FEB. 19

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N)	Modern Family (N)	:31 Single Parents	Stumptown (N) CC (DVS)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Survivor "It's Like a Survivor Economy"		Criminal Minds "Face Off" (N)		Criminal Minds "And in the End"	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Chicago Med CC (DVS)		Democratic Candidates Debate Democratic presidential hopefuls debate. (N) CC			
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	The Masked Singer (N) CC (DVS)		:01 LEGO Masters "Cut in Half" (N)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Great Lakes	Nature "The Mighty Weasel" (N)		NOVA The perplexing behaviors of cats. (N)		Expedition With Steve Backshall (N)	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Howie Mandel's 5th Annual All-Star Comedy Gala (N) CC			Whose Line Is It?	News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud (N)	Chicago P.D. "Get Back to Even" CC		Dateline "Buried Secrets"		Dateline "Who Killed the Radio Star?"	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Howie Mandel's 5th Annual All-Star Comedy Gala (N) CC			Whose Line Is It?	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Walking Tall" CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven (Part 2 of 2) CC		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents	America's Top Dog (N) CC		Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents
AMC	Captain Phillips	★★★ Rocky III ('82) Sylvester Stallone. A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match. CC					★★ Rocky IV
Animal	Was Prey	I Was Prey: Under Attack (N)				I Was Prey CC	
BET	Tyler-Single Moms Club			Tyler Perry's Sistas		Miss Virginia	
Big Ten	College Basketball			College Basketball Indiana at Minnesota.			
Bravo	Housewives/NJ	The Real Housewives of New Jersey		Summer House "Worst. Date. Ever."		Watch What	Housewives/NJ
Cartoon	Teen Ti	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	6:25 Turistas	★★ Savages ('12, Crime Drama) Taylor Kitsch, Blake Lively. CC				:15 ★★★ The Pledge ('01) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Bluebird ('19) Taylor Swift. (P).				Bluebird ('19)	
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Listing Impossible	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Nora
Discovery	Expedition Un.	Expedition Unknown "Hunting Our Ancient Ancestors" Josh Gates ventures to Africa. (N) CC					
Disney	Bunk'd	Zombies 2 ('20) CC			Gabby	Sydney	Bunk'd
DIY	Salvage	Holmes & Holmes		Holmes & Holmes		Holmes: Next Gen.	
E!	★★★ Wedding Crashers ('05) Owen Wilson.					The Soup	Nightly
ESPN	College Basketball			College Basketball Duke at NC State. (N)			
ESPN2	College Basketball			College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
ESPNC	Basket	College Football From Nov. 22, 1997.				College Football	
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	College Basketball			College Basketball Miami at Virginia Tech.			
Freefrm	6:00 ★★ The Twilight Saga: Eclipse ('10) CC			Party of Five "Dos y dos" (N) CC		Good Trouble "Fragility" (N) CC	
FX	Kingsman-Gold	★★ The Hangover Part III ('13, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms. CC				★★ The Hangover Part III ('13)	
Golf	PGA	PGA Tour Golf Top shots, moments and stories of the final round.					
Hallmark	Falling for Vermont	Love Unleashed ('19, Romance) Jen Lilley, Christopher Russell. CC				The Secret Ingredient ('20) CC	
HBO	5:35 Aquaman	The Outsider Holly tries to help Jack.		★★ Shaft ('00, Action) Samuel L. Jackson, Vanessa L. Williams. CC			
History	Forged	Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper (N) CC				Black Patriots	
HGTV	Property	Extreme Makeover		100 Day Dream		Property Brothers	
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life "Carlton & Shantel's Story"				Feet-Killing Me	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight "Home Is Where Your Spouse Is" Married life in new homes. (N)				:03 Married at First Sight (N) CC	
MSNBC	To Be Announced			Democratic Candidates Debate (N) CC			
MTV	Catfish	Catfish: The TV		:01 True Life Crime		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Pregame	College Basketball				Adamles	Postgame
NFL	NFL Total	NFL 100 Greatest		NFL 100 Greatest		NFL 100 Greatest	
Nick	Cloudy With Meatballs			Substitute	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Locked	Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad		To Catch a Smuggler	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Snapped Murder of a church choir member.		Snapped A lottery winner goes missing.		Snapped A last will and testament. CC	
Parmt	6:30 ★★★★ The Shawshank Redemption ('94)					68 Whiskey (N)	
Showtime	6:00 Scream 4	★★★★ The Terminator ('84) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton. CC				Terminator 2: Judgment Day ('91)	
Starz	6:43 ★★ Waterworld ('95) Kevin Costner. CC			★ Repo Men ('10, Science Fiction) Jude Law, Forest Whitaker. (P). CC			
STZENC	6:39 ★★ Hulk ('03) Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly. CC			★★★ Identity ('03) John Cusack, Ray Liotta. CC		:33 Fallen	
SyFy	★★ The Hitman's Bodyguard ('17, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson, Gary Oldman. CC (DVS)					The Magicians "Acting Dean" (N) CC	
TBS	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	Asphalt Jungle	Dr. Strangelove Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying				:45 ★★★ The Pink Panther ('63) Peter Sellers. CC	
TMC	Tammy-T-Rex	★★★ Moon ('09, Science Fiction) Sam Rockwell. CC				:40 Elizabeth Harvest ('18) Abbey Lee, Ciarán Hinds. CC	
TNT	Reacher	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC				Hot Ones	Hercules
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	King	King
USA	:00 Chicago P.D.	WWE NXT (N) (L) CC				:05 Miz & Mrs (N)	:37 Miz & Mrs
VH1	Ink	Black Ink: Chicago		Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
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Running is a great way to keep active as you age

DEAR DOCTOR: I was a runner in college, but I stopped running after marriage and kids and work. I'm 62 now, and everyone says that if I resume running I'll get hurt because I'm too old. What do you think?

DEAR READER: We believe it's never too late to begin exercising and, with certain important caveats, this includes running.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

Studies show that running offers a range of benefits to both physical and mental health. These include improvements to cardiovascular function, strength, endurance and bone health, as well as mood and cognition. An analysis of running studies conducted by British researchers published last year found that running as little as once a week was associated with increased longevity. A similar study published in 2017 found that runners reduced their risk of premature death by up to 40 percent. Several studies have associated running with an increase in metabolic markers associated with bone formation.

This potentially good news matters only if your approach to running matches your age and your fitness level. That includes taking into account muscle strength, balance, range of motion, heart and lung function, and any chronic health conditions you may have. Even if you are in great shape, your running life will be different today from how it was in your 20s. Based on your age, you'll need to adjust your frequency, speed, intensity and mileage.

Since osteoporosis is a risk for post-menopausal women, and running is a high-impact activity, we believe it's important get a bone density test. It's a quick and painless scan that assesses bone health and can reveal any potential problems. It can also be a predictor of future injuries.

Also, please check with your health care provider before you get back to running. They can be a great resource to keep you strong and healthy, and to help track your progress. They can also make sure you're being safe while getting back into running.

Do not try to do too much too soon. You've heard this before, but it really is important to ease in to your new activity. The most common running injuries, such as shin splints, stress fractures and Achilles tendon pain, arise from overuse. It's tempting to set goals in terms of miles, but we recommend you think in terms of minutes. Begin by interspersing two or three minutes of gentle running (people used to call it jogging) with five or six minutes of running. Take a moment between cycles to stretch your quads and hamstrings, check your posture and control your breath. Give yourself a few months to gradually build up to a regular running schedule. Make sure to include strength and resistance training in your weekly exercise rotation, which will help prevent overuse injuries. Finally, finishing with gentle leg, hip and torso stretches will help your body recover and get you ready for your next run.

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Worried about conflicts with partner over family

DEAR CAROLYN: I love my significant other, but I also love my family, both nuclear and extended. We are a tight-knit group in which everyone shares a similar quirky sense of humor, and as immigrants (and children of immigrants) we have supported each other through many hardships. They are my village.

Carolyn Hax

My significant other does not understand this, as she comes from a more traditional American family in which young adults are encouraged to launch and distance themselves from the family unit. I am worried about how this will play out over the years.

We are not going to have children – and by the way, we're both women – but I can see it's going to cause conflict. Do you have any suggestions for preempting those conflicts? Is it possible for one half of a couple to remain part of another family unit without sacrificing the primacy of the relationship? – **Family vs. SO**

You've made a false causal connection here, and you need to break it before you make a significant mistake with your life.

Your partner fails to understand AND comes from a more traditional American family. She doesn't fail to understand BECAUSE she comes from a traditional American family.

Being of one thing does not prevent the understanding of, embrace of, encouragement of, or even just lovingly-passive-and-mystified acceptance of something different. A partner raised in a "launch" culture is still quite capable of seeing the merits of a culture that encourages generations to stay close. In fact, finding the launch ethos a bit frosty can drive people raised within it to partner across cultures with someone more family-centric. And vice-versa, as the overly enmeshed seek some air.

So don't see your partner as culturally unable to support – or, even better, to adopt and take part in – your family's tight knitting. Instead, see the full truth: that she *prefers* her ways. She sees your ways (maybe not fully, but that can be willful, too), and *prefers* her culture of origin.

Just as you see hers, clearly, and prefer yours.

Why does this distinction matter? Because seeing her as unable to understand makes it a thing neither you nor she can really control. It's an invitation for you to tell yourself, "Oh well, she doesn't get it, I'll have to work harder to balance couple time with my family time."

See it as her clear-eyed choice, though, and the work ahead shifts – appropriately – from you alone to both of you: "We both understand the differences, we both prefer our own way of handling family. So are we both willing to let the other do what comes naturally, without expecting, bean-counting, and guilt-tripping?"

In other words, will she love that you remain devoted to your family of origin, or will she pressure you to see them less?

Will you resent her for skipping a lot of your family stuff? Will you pressure her to join you?

Will you both always be grateful for the differences between you, for the benefits they afford? Or will each of you always be wishing the other were more like you?

If you talk to your significant other about this, openly, *owning* what you want and won't budge on – then you won't preempt all conflicts, of course. But you will catch the avoidable ones before they age into regrets.

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ACROSS
1 Make smile
6 Read intently
11 Moneybags (2 wds.)
13 In large supply
14 Land in Mexico
15 Trial
16 — Baba
17 Give the go-ahead
18 "Big Blue" of computer fame
20 Digital watch readout
22 Part of TGIF
25 Collection of tales
26 Pierre's monarch
27 Insurance center
29 Shuttle, maybe
30 Large vase
31 Evita or Juan
32 Car pedal
34 Pasture grazer
36 Trim a doily
37 Cries out loudly
38 Chess piece
39 Gore and Capone
40 Fem. saint
41 PC key
42 Bride's new title
43 Festive night
45 Had some hash
47 Resort amenities
50 Medium-sized sofa
54 Volunteers
55 Newspaper name
56 Stand-in
57 Tot's cry

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3 Comanche kin
4 Hotfoot it
5 NBA's — Monroe
6 Trim
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8 Future fish
9 Geologic division
10 Costa — Sol
12 Suit maker
13 Fort Knox filler
18 Habituates
19 Igneous rock
21 Movies
23 Seafood sauce
24 Schools of fish
25 Popular advice-giver
26 Weeps over
27 Not shut
28 Busy insects
33 Disposable tissue
35 Ohio River feeder
41 Hardy heroine
42 Subway in Paris
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51 Wool cap
52 Shade tree
53 Ben & Jerry rival

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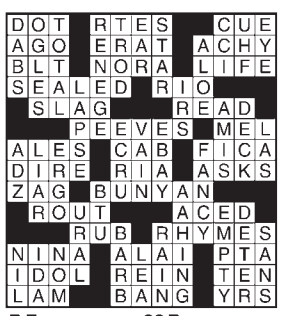

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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CTAHL

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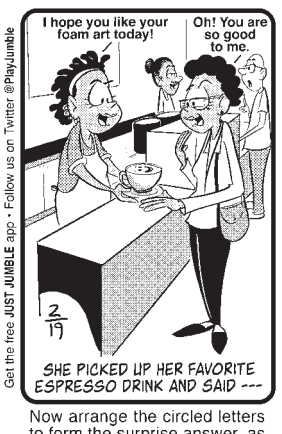

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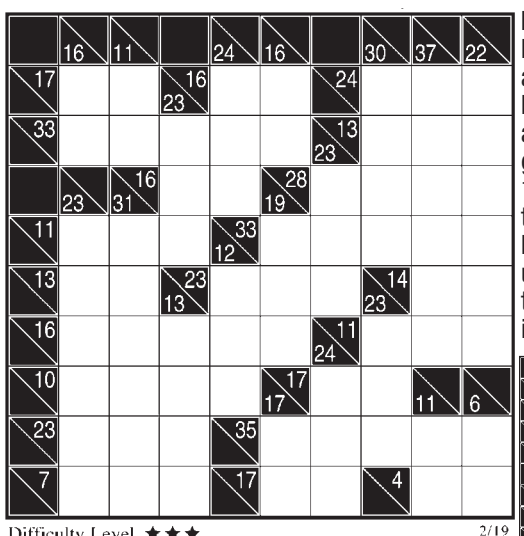
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"○ ○ - ○○○○○○"

(Answers tomorrow)

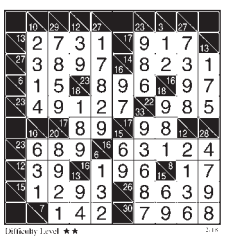
Yesterday's Jumbles: RHYME ROBIN SICKLE FORGET
Answer: Clocks existed prior to Clement's grandfather clock, but they were invented — BEFORE HIS TIME

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 2/19

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy, a historian who discussed speech and language as the dominant shapers of human character and abilities in every social context, wrote, "Grammar and logic free language from being at the mercy of the tone of voice. Grammar protects us against misunderstanding the sound of an uttered name; logic protects us against what we say having double meaning."

Despite his best endeavors, sometimes partner makes a call at the bridge table that leaves you wondering whether he means a or b. Occasionally, that ambiguous action will be a double. One example occurs when East opens, say, four hearts, and South doubles. Is that for takeout or penalty?

Unfortunately, it is both! South could have a classic 4=1=4=4 distribution, or he could have a strong, balanced hand. North passes with a balanced hand or bids with an unbalanced hand.

In today's deal, what is East's double of three notrump?

It would be illogical to think it is for takeout. There is only one unbid suit, and why wouldn't East have acted earlier? It must be a penalty double. But is that the only component?

No! It is a lead-directing double, asking partner to lead the first suit bid by the dummy.

So, here, West leads his singleton spade. East takes the trick and continues the suit. Declarer wins with dummy's king and plays a club, but East produces his ace, then cashes the rest of his spades to defeat the contract.

Note that without the lead-directing double, West would surely have selected the diamond four, giving declarer an easy 10 tricks.

North 02-19-20
♠ K 8 7 5 4
♥ A K Q J
♦ Q 9
♣ 6 3

West
♠ 3
♥ 10 9 7 6
♦ K 8 6 4 3
♣ 7 5 2

East
♠ A Q J 10 9
♥ 8 3
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A 8 4

South
♠ 6 2
♥ 5 4 2
♦ A J 10
♣ K Q J 10 9

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Dbl.!
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ??

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

		8		4	6	2		1
		6		5	1			
				8		3		
	8	9						
3		5		1		9		2
						5	7	
		7		3				
			2	6		8		
5		2	4	9		6		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	2	4	8	3	7	6	9	1
9	1	3	2	4	6	8	5	7
6	7	8	9	1	5	4	3	2
8	4	1	5	6	3	7	2	9
2	9	6	7	8	1	3	4	5
7	3	5	4	2	9	1	6	8
3	5	7	1	9	4	2	8	6
1	6	2	3	5	8	9	7	4
4	8	9	6	7	2	5	1	3

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Pay attention to budgets – they matter

Robert Burgess
Opinion Maker

One of my favorite religious leaders, the Rev. Jim Wallis, a founder of Sojourners, is fond of saying that "A budget is a moral document." He further says, "Any budget is a moral statement of priorities, whether it's a budget created by an individual, a family, a school, a city or a nation. It tells us, mathematically, what areas, issues, things, or people are most important to the creators of that budget, and which are least important."

Whether it is in Lansing, Washington, Berrien County, or our local cities, townships or school boards, I think that is a pretty fair statement that a government's budget tells a lot about our priorities as a people, or at least the priorities of those we have elected to office and entrusted with our tax dollars.

This is budget season for many levels of government. President Trump recently released his administration's budget proposal. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has released hers. With last month's completion of the Revenue Consensus summit in Lansing, local school districts, townships and the county will soon begin building their 2020-2021 budgets, if they have not already.

Decades ago, I served as the budget director for the Grand Rapids Public Schools. My first year in that capacity we determined that the district faced a deficit of some $15 million in the upcoming school year. At the time, the district's total budget was about $150 million, so this was a sizable deficit representing about 10 percent of the district's total available revenues. The school board meeting in which the board was provided with details of the administration's recommendations for eliminating the deficit ran late into the night. It was not a pleasant meeting.

So, I must say that I get it. The development of a budget by our president, congressmen and senators, governor and state legislators, county commissioners, township or municipal trustees, or school board members is not an easy task. But it is an important task, and as Jim Wallis' explains, a moral one.

Gov. Whitmer released her budget proposal about a week and a half ago. The state legislature will further develop its proposed version of the state's budget between now and summer. My hope is that the Republican-led legislature and our Democratic governor will respectfully listen to each other's concerns and work cooperatively for Michigan's betterment. In addition, I hope this year's budget does consider the impact that a budget has on all Michiganders, but especially the most vulnerable in our state: the poor, children, the elderly and the disabled.

For our state legislators, I hope that they will at least take the time to read and consider what Michigan's Children, a Lansing-based advocacy group, says about how our state's budget can improve the lives of children and families. Some of the top priorities for Michigan's Children include expansion of access to quality and affordable child care, additional support for families involved with Michigan's foster care programs, expanding postpartum care for mothers, adult and early literacy support, increasing funding for our schools along with expansion of pre-school programs and school mental health and support services.

In addition, I hope that our state representatives will also review many of the budget priorities outlined by the Michigan League for Public Policy. These include providing more funding for schools in high poverty areas, expanding services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and delays, protecting state and federal health care funding for all Michiganders, and more.

Finally, let me add that we still have not fixed our roads, bridges and water infrastructure. There are houses and roads falling into Lakes Michigan and Huron. Tuition rates at Michigan's colleges and universities have skyrocketed the past decade. Why? Ten years ago, in 2009-2010, higher education represented 18.5 percent of the state's general fund budget. Ten years later, spending on higher education represents only 10 percent of Michigan's general fund. Total higher education funding in Michigan is less today than it was in 2008 – a dozen years ago.

Budgets are boring documents, but they are moral documents. They are moral documents which tell us what is most important to the budget's developers. If more people of goodwill pay attention and let their federal, state, and locally elected representatives know that we the people are paying attention, our budgets may more closely be the moral documents that as Martin Luther King Jr. envisioned might bend "the arc of the moral universe … toward justice."

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Vote blue, no matter who?

Leonard Pitts

Vote blue, no matter who. That's the fall election mantra of Democrats desperate to cleanse the White House of its current occupant. But here's the question some African Americans are now asking: What if the "who" is Michael Bloomberg? What if the former New York City mayor is the man chosen to contend against Donald Trump? Shall we vote blue if all it offers is the chance to replace a stupid racist with a smarter one?

Some will reject that characterization. They will point to Bloomberg's pledges to increase black home ownership, his support by such black luminaries as Georgia Rep. Lucy McBath and educator Geoffrey Canada.

That's persuasive. But the audio that was leaked last week is conclusive.

In the clip, made in 2015 at the Aspen Institute, Bloomberg defends stop-and-frisk, the policy, initiated under his predecessor, Rudy Giuliani, of allowing police to detain and search anyone they found suspicious, regardless of probable cause.

"Ninety-five percent of your murders – murderers and murder victims – fit one M.O.," said Bloomberg, who vastly expanded the policy. "You can just take the description, Xerox it, pass it out to all the cops. They are male minorities, 15 to 25. That's true in New York, it's true in virtually every city. And that's where the real crime is." So it was necessary, he said, to take black and brown men and boys, "throw them against the walls and frisk them."

They did this millions of times to millions of people. Nearly all were guilty of no crime. Guns were discovered 0.1 percent of the time. Black and brown men were disproportionately likely to be stopped, though white men were more likely to be carrying contraband.

Tony Lee, a black preacher, recalls a cold day in the '90s when he was in seminary and it happened to him. He had just walked out of a restaurant with a takeout bag stuffed deep in the pockets of a winter coat when three white men jumped out of a car and rushed him. He wasn't even sure they were actually police as they threw him against a railing and began frisking him. "Then they feel the food and they scream, 'Gun!' and really snatch me up. I scream, 'No! It's chicken! It's chicken!'"

He said they told him later that they stopped him because they'd had reports of "a black man in a black coat" committing crime. Says Lee: "It's the middle of Harlem in the wintertime. 'A black man in a black coat.' Then they said, 'Next time, don't be so nervous.' One, as if to have the police jump out and snatch you up is not supposed to be an anxiety moment. Two, it was a presupposition of next time."

Some progressives are impatient with all this. They note that Bloomberg has already apologized – a whole week before announcing his candidacy. He did so again last week. For them, this is all a distraction from a clear and present danger. As journalist Aaron Rupar put it on Twitter, "Trump is consolidating power in an authoritarian manner while Democrats attack each other and argue over years-old video clips."

Maybe. Still, one can't help noting the way many white voters seem to regard racism as something that, while a character flaw, is not a deal breaker. This was true on the right. Apparently, it is also true on the left.

Vote blue, no matter who? Even if the "who" sees your boys and men as Xeroxes, to be interchangeably thrown against walls? How will black people, the most loyal of Democratic constituencies, respond, if this is what they are asked to do?

If Democrats are smart, we'll never find out.

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LETTERS

Upton should ignore cowardly billboard

Editor,

"RETIRE UPTON." That outdoor board on Cleveland Avenue (now gone) showed the courage of a rabbit. A political ad requires a sponsor signature. At first I thought this ad was in trouble. Then I saw letters about 2 inches high tucked in the right-hand corner. It looked like an underline. It was hard to read even if anyone cared enough to stop, park and walk to the billboard base. I didn't want to. I suppose few others did.

So, did the sponsors want to create confusion? Or anonymity? A one-focus voter blaming Congressman Upton for not corralling Congress? Like one congressman can turn the other 400-plus around on any issue. Maybe a Republican who mouths RINO and wants total vocal Trump support?

Fred works for us, even if Congress or the president sees things differently. We sent him to D.C. (a mean trick to play), but he has stayed solid and built coalitions and proposed laws that help us. No rant, posture and divide. He stays true to Midwest work values and get things done.

Maybe Democrats feel an unusual opportunity coming up? Would they run an ad with a mouse-type signature? Probably not. It shows less courage than Fred, and it's not very ethical.

Avoiding election posturing has earned Fred Upton respect in D.C. and garnered Southwest Michigan benefits that improve our life. Some bills reached out further and improved the entire state or country – an admirable result considering current D.C. politics. Working to a positive result is always tougher than yapping at a TV camera. Results show more courage than people who sign a billboard in mouse-type.

Ignore them, Fred. Keep working for us.

Perry Ballard
Lincoln Township

House puts state on way to protect fisheries

Editor,

Last week, the Michigan House of Representatives passed the first update to Michigan's commercial fishing statutes in over 60 years. Thanks to the hard work of Representatives Pauline Wendzel, Jim Lilly and Jack O'Malley, Michigan has finally taken the necessary steps to modernize our antiquated regulations, protect game fish, and establish best practices amongst the commercial fishing industry. The Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's Association was proud to be a strong voice in this process, and as their executive director, I can speak first-hand about how important this legislation will be to sportsmen in Michigan.

In the 1960s decades of overharvesting, a lack of coherent regulations, and the impact of invasive species led to the collapse of the Great Lakes Fisheries. Since that collapse, Michigan's fisheries have been managed with the monies collected from recreational anglers and hunters. Thanks to the investment of hundreds of millions of dollars from Michigan sportsmen, our recreational fishing industry has grown to over $2.3 billion and supports thousands of jobs all across our great state.

Michigan has some of the most precious natural resources in the world, and thanks to this legislation, our thriving recreational fishing industry will continue to grow and support thousands of jobs and local communities. With these changes, our Great Lakes will be protected from commercial harvesters, and our fisheries will be better managed so future generations can enjoy angling for decades to come.

The Michigan Salmon and Fishermen's Association is proud to partner with conservation and sportsmen's' clubs alike, as well as the Department of Natural Resources and the Legislature. We look forward to swift action in the Senate and seeing this bipartisan and common-sense legislation signed into law.

Dennis Eade
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Salmon Fishermen's Association

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ANOTHER OPINION

New software takes personal invasion to new heights

Law enforcers around the world are celebrating the rapidly expanding potential of facial recognition software to help them catch criminals faster and solve long-dormant cases. Such capabilities in the right hands could reap enormous public safety dividends. But in the wrong hands, an entirely new dimension in crime, extortion and mayhem could soon be unleashed.

Before it's too late, Americans need to think long and hard about the wisdom of venturing down this uncharted road. Few would argue against tools that help police capture dangerous criminals. It's the law-abiding among us who need to worry about what comes next when this software expands to general public use.

One of the most frightening technological advances is Clearview AI, a powerful facial recognition service currently available to U.S. and Canadian law enforcers. The company's software takes uploaded photos then scrapes the internet, including Facebook, for exact-match images. Its database now contains 3 billion photos and videos. But those aren't just photos of criminals. They're photos of children, grandmothers, families having fun at the beach. Anything and everything is fair game.

That's what makes it so useful to law enforcers. Precise comparison algorithms zip through the entire database at lightning speed to analyze frontal and profile facial photos along with any information connected to the targeted person. Whether it's your name, birthdate, hometown, children's names, high school, hobbies, favorite bar, political views – if it's on the internet, the algorithm uses it.

Most police officers would probably use such software only under authorized circumstances. But we know from a few local cases that not all officers can be trusted. Some could use it for personal enrichment or to find out, say, who an ex-spouse is dating.

Now imagine such an app on a cellphone for general public use. You're walking down the street, and a complete stranger greets you by name, identifies your spouse and kids, maybe mentions the name of your employer or how your family's Grand Canyon vacation went. Maybe the stranger mentions your address, or your political leanings. Left unregulated, the threat and exploitation potential would be unlimited.

Clearview insists its software is closely monitored and secure, and is designed to "identify child molesters, murderers, suspected terrorists, and other dangerous people quickly, accurately, and reliably to keep our families and communities safe."

But when a New York Times reporter looked into the company and contacted officers for a demonstration of the program, one officer received a call from Clearview and asked him why he uploaded a New York Times reporter's photo. A block was placed on searches of her. It was a clear demonstration of how the software is vulnerable to political manipulation.

If ever there was a clarion call for Congress to impose tight restrictions on this technology, it's now – before the notion of privacy becomes a quaint memory of a bygone era.

– St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Stand up for Rosa Parks: Statue in Grand Rapids for 10 years

GRAND RAPIDS (AP) — The statue of Rosa Parks in downtown Grand Rapids symbolizing resistance against racism is needed now more than ever, according to the man who pushed for the monument that was erected 10 years ago.

Armond Robinson, 90, was acutely aware of the impact of Parks' protest in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955 when she refused to give up her public bus seat to a white man. As a member of Grand Rapids' community relations board decades later, it was Robinson who said the city needed the statue, WOOD-TV reports.

"I approached, initiated, requested, started action to put (Rosa Parks) there, where she is," Robinson said.

The board raised $37,000 to maintain the monument from some of the most prominent members of Grand Rapids' businesses and society.

"I remain very proud of having initiated the idea and gotten the support from so many points," he said. "Rosa Parks was famous for her seated resistance. You notice (the statue) is standing, and our premise was 'We stand up for Rosa Parks.'"

Her statue was the first statue of a person of color in the city of Grand Rapids. It was designed by Ed Dwight, America's first black astronaut.

The city of Montgomery, Alabama unveiled their statue of Rosa Parks in December last year.

"The environment that's so heavily on us at this time, more so than I've seen any time in my 90 years – the racism that's very prevalent," Robinson said.

Grand Rapids' statue of Parks is a symbol of ongoing resistance.

"You can kick, but we're still fighting and that's the message," Robinson said.

Jacquelyn Martin / AP file

Former President Bill Clinton shakes hands with Owen Bieber, left, with United Auto Workers union (UAW), at the 2012 UAW National Community Action Program Conference at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington on March 1, 2012.

Former UAW President Owen Bieber dies at 90

By DEE-ANN DURBIN
Associated Press

Owen Bieber, who led the United Auto Workers union from the auto industry's dark days of the early 1980s to the prosperity of the mid-1990s, has died. He was 90.

Neither as charismatic as his predecessor, Douglas Fraser, nor as confrontational as his successor, Stephen Yokich, the low-key Bieber had an easygoing manner that belied his 6-foot-4, 265-pound frame and the results he produced at the bargaining table.

Taking over as its president in 1983, Bieber shepherded the UAW through a recession, the Reagan era, industry downsizing and rapidly expanding global competition. Bieber led the UAW through contract talks that won its members wages, benefits and job and income security that were unmatched in other major U.S. industries.

"Owen Bieber's death is a loss for our union and all working people," UAW President Rory Gamble said in a statement. "He was not afraid of tough battles or taking a stand on controversial issues."

Under Bieber, the UAW also actively supported the Solidarity labor movement, which challenged Poland's Communist government, and the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa. Bieber traveled to South Africa twice, raising the alarm about the imprisonment of labor activists and smuggling images of torture out of the country. In 1986, he was arrested while marching at the South African embassy in Washington D.C.

When former South African President Nelson Mandela toured the U.S. after his release from prison, Bieber stood at his side during a rally in Detroit. In 2003, Archbishop Desmond Tutu singled Bieber out during a visit to Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"We came asking for help, and you gave that help and accomplished this extraordinary thing," Tutu said, according to the UAW.

Bieber was born Dec. 28, 1929, in North Dorr, Mich. He joined the union in 1948 when he went to work bending wire for car seats at McInerney Spring and Wire Co. in Grand Rapids and became a shop steward the following year. By 1956 he was president of his local.

In 1961, then-UAW president Walter Reuther made Bieber a member of the regional staff. He became regional director in 1974 and was elected a UAW vice president in 1980. Three years later, he succeeded Fraser as president.

General Motors Co., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. had to get leaner during Bieber's tenure to compete with Japanese companies that were winning over American buyers with their smaller, more fuel efficient cars. But the UAW was able to negotiate agreements that helped workers keep their pensions or kept their paychecks coming even if they were laid off.

"We did what unions are supposed to do," Bieber said shortly before Yokich succeeded him as president. "If you look at the rough road that workers have had to come over and live through since the late 1970s ... a worker who belonged to the UAW, who was a member of the UAW, probably that was the best thing that could have happened to them."

Union membership shrunk in size by about half between 1979 and 1995, Bieber's last year as president. Bieber had hoped to unionize Japanese and German carmakers when they opened U.S. plants, but he only had one success: a GM-Toyota joint manufacturing plant in Fremont, California. GM closed that plant in 2010; it's now owned by Tesla Inc., which is also not unionized.

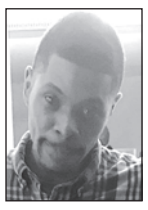
"Owen Bieber left behind a world that is better off because of his activism and dedication to service to others," Ron Bieber said in a statement.

Owen Bieber is survived by his wife of 69 years, Shirley Bieber; five children; 19 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

Jerry Demario Davis Sr.

Sept. 28, 1981 – Feb. 4, 2020



Jerry Demario Davis Sr., 38, made his transition into eternal rest on Feb. 5, 2020.

A service celebrating his life will be held Friday, Feb. 21, at the Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor. The visitation begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by the service at noon. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Jerry was born on Sept. 28, 1981, to Renita Fultz and Jerry Lee Davis in Benton Harbor. He was raised by his paternal grandparents, Robert and Jurdean Lilly.

Jerry loved spending time with his children; he was a loving father and would do anything for his children. Jerry was quiet, but when he was with his children, it was nothing but laughter and jokes. He had a smile that would melt your heart.

Jerry attended Benton Harbor Area Schools, and at the time of Jerry's passing, he was working for SPI Molding Company in Coloma.

Jerry leaves to cherish his memories: his parents, Renita Fultz and Jerry Lee Davis; his daughters, Talia Williams, Stephanie Williams and Shamiya Williams; sons, Jerry Demario Davis Jr. and Demario Davis; aunt, Deborah Willford; fiancé, Kayla Gray; sisters, Ebonisha Thomas and Alexa Matthews; brothers, Rodney Fultz and Frankie Thomas; cousins, Tanisha Swift, Elliott Willford and Sylvester Davis III; friend, Patricia Williams, the mother of his oldest four children; and grandchildren, Mia Stansberry and Jeremiah Williams.

Jerry was proceeded in death by his grandparents, Ronald Lilly, Jurdean Lilly, and Sylvester Davis Sr.; uncle, Sylvester Davis Jr.; and cousin, Andra Davis.

Leola Pauline Domke

July 30, 1933 – Feb. 13, 2020

Leola Pauline Domke, 86, of Sodus passed away in her home on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

Leola was born on July 30, 1933, in Lincoln Township, to the late Roy and Edna (Ott) Lucker. On May 5, 1951, in Benton Harbor, she married Raymond Domke Sr.; he preceded her in death in March 2011. Leola loved reading books, camping and was proud of her holding a GMRS license.

Leola is survived by a son, Richard (Frances) Domke of Benton Harbor; grandchildren, Brian and Cari; stepgrandchildren, Jerry, Tina and Jackie; numerous stepgreat-grandchildren; a brother, Gerald Lucker of Florida; and her best friend and caregiver, Craig Fair.

Also preceding Leola in death are her son, Raymond Allen Domke; brothers, Roy and Alvin; and sisters, Luella, Lucille, Laverne and Katie.

A Celebration of Life service will take place at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel in St. Joseph. Visitation with the family will precede the service from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Following these services, burial will take place in Lincoln Township Cemetery in Stevensville. Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Death notices

Charles Mason Addington, 72, of Paw Paw died Feb. 17, 2020, in Kalamazoo. Betzler & Thompson Life Story Funeral Home, Paw Paw, 657-3870.

Jerry D. Davis, 38, of South Haven died Feb. 5, 2020, at Spectrum Health Butterworth, Grand Rapids, Mich. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Alvin "Christy" Franklin, 75, of Benton Harbor died Feb. 11, 2020, at Cass County Medical Care Facility, Cassopolis. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Earnis Harmon, 67, of Benton Harbor died Feb. 2, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Mary E. Harr-Bettis, 94, of Middleville, Mich., formerly of Sodus died Feb. 14, 2020. Beeler-Gores Funeral Home, Middleville, (269) 795-3694.

Roy J. Sherman, 74, of Benton Harbor died Feb. 9, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Frieda Mueller

Jan. 27, 1929 – Feb. 16, 2020

Frieda Mueller, 91, of Stevensville, went to meet her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020, at her home.

A Celebration of Life Eternal will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Washington Ave. Church of God, 4051 Washington Ave., St. Joseph, with the Rev. Andy Hannich officiating. Burial will follow in Hickory Bluff Cemetery, Stevensville. Friends may visit from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Memorials may be made to Washington Ave. Church of God. Those wishing to sign Frieda's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Frieda was born Jan. 27, 1929, in Gelsenkirchen-Horst, Germany, to Ferdinand and Anna (Schweichel) Lenk. On Feb. 4, 1950, she married Helmut Mueller in Essen, Germany. In 1951 the family moved to the United States, settling in Benton Harbor. In 1964, Helmut opened Lakeshore Wood Craft in Stevensville, where Frieda served as the treasurer and bookkeeper and in many other capacities, until her retirement in 1991. Frieda was a woman of God, devoting her life to Washington Ave. Church of God, where she helped with the construction, played the organ, sang in the choir, directed the children's music program, volunteered for Vacation Bible School and played several instruments. Frieda and Helmut enjoyed traveling the United States and abroad, and enjoyed winters in Northport, Fla. Frieda enjoyed hosting her family and many friends, cooking, baking, music and tending to her flower gardens around the house.

Frieda is survived by her son, Gilbert (Linda) Mueller of St. Joseph; her daughter, Karin (Floyd) Yoder of Venice, Fla.; her daughter-in-law, Karen Mueller of Highland, Calif.; four grandchildren: Steven (Kristi) Mueller, Susan (Dustin) White, Anita (Joseph) Loomis and Christopher Mueller; two great-grandchildren, Samantha Morris and Joshua Mueller; her sister, Helga Arndt of Fredericksburg, Va.; her brother, Fritz (Renate) Lenk of Alberta, Edmonton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Helmut, on May 4, 2013; her son, Hartwig Mueller on March 16, 2012; two sons-in-law, Rene Mueller and Rodney Moore; and siblings, Manfred Lenk, Gertrude Tatzmann and Elsbeth Helling.

Martin Mejia / AP

On Feb. 12, an archaeologist handles ancient bones and vessels from a previous Inca culture that were discovered by workers building a new natural gas line through the Puente Piedra neighborhood of Lima, Peru. About 300 archaeological finds, some 2,000 years old, have been reported over the past decade during the building of thousands of miles of natural gas pipelines in the capital.

Peru gas workers unearth centuries of history in Lima's soil

By FRANKLIN BRICEÑO
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — For nearly two decades, workers for a company building gas lines across Peru's capital have found themselves unearthing a treasure trove of history.

On one recent afternoon, a team came across four burials accompanied by ceramics from a pre-Incan civilization. Two years earlier, they found the bodies of farmers who had been among the first wave of Chinese immigrants in the 19th century.

"Lima literally sits atop a cultural bank," with one layer of history atop another, said Alexis Solis, one of 40 archaeologists who work for the Calidda national gas company that is installing lines across the city.

The cooperation is a step forward for preservation in a metropolis whose rapid growth over the past century led to the destruction of many important sites.

Gas line worker Segundo Chávez last year found the body of a child inside a base – a burial characteristic of the pre-Incan Chancay people who flourished from about 1200 to 1470 BCE – and he recalled how his shouts of discovery attracted nearby residents from their houses.

"It was an ancient burial, 80 centimeters deep," Chavez said as he looked at two other recent discoveries – still unrecovered – in a ditch in a street in the Puente Piedra neighborhood: bones of an adult in a huge vase and the those of a baby found with a ceramic figure of a "Cuchimilco," a sort of guide through the world of the dead in the Chancay culture.

The Colombia-based company says it has installed about 6,000 miles of natural gas lines across Lima over the past 16 years, and it's reported about 300 archaeological finds, some of them 2,000 years old.

It says it has spent about $2 million the archaeological effort.

Peruvian law requires that archaeological discoveries be reported and turned over to the Culture Ministry.

But some developers have been cavalier about following the law and preserving the nation's history.

In 2013, workers for real estate developers destroyed a 4,500-year-old pyramid-shaped structure on the edges of the city.

What is now Peru's capital, located in a valley irrigated by three rivers fed from the Andes, housed human civilizations thousands of years before the Spanish arrived in 1535. It is scattered with cemeteries, irrigation canals, structures and ancient roads, with thin, vulnerable layers of deposited earth separating vastly different eras.

"The physical difference between the present and antiquity is but a few centimeters," Solis said.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

John M. Glassman, area auctioneer, was inducted into the Michigan Auctioneers Hall of Fame by the Michigan State Auctioneers Association (MSAA) in Lansing.

Richard Brodie presented the award to Glassman, who has been auctioneering for 40-plus years. Glassman has been active in the MSAA for many years, having held the offices of president and vice-president.

35 years ago – 1985

Lakeshore School District youngsters old enough but not quite ready to start kindergarten may be placed in a pre-kindergarten class starting next fall under a program approved by the the Lakeshore School Board last night. Leslie Collins, principal of Hollywood Elementary, said the class is not a pre-school but simply a kindergarten class for students not "developmentally mature" enough for regular kindergarten.

Students who enter the pre-kindergarten class will then move on to regular kindergarten the next year.

50 years ago – 1970

When you ask for a "Dr. Pepper" around Allegan, you'd better specify which one you want – Dr. John F. Pepper or Dr. Linda B. Pepper.

The newly-married husband and wife team of veterinarians, recent graduates of Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Science, are just getting established in their practice in Allegan in association with Dr. William Wellman, John's brother-in-law. Dr. Wellman has a small animal hospital complex on M-40 between Allegan and Gobles.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 19, the 50th day of 2020. There are 316 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Feb. 19, 1945, Operation Detachment began during World War II as some 30,000 U.S. Marines began landing on Iwo Jima, where they commenced a successful month-long battle to seize control of the island from Japanese forces.

On this date:

In 1803, Congress voted to accept Ohio's borders and constitution.

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr, accused of treason, was arrested in the Mississippi Territory, in present-day Alabama. (Burr was acquitted at trial.)

In 1846, the Texas state government was formally installed in Austin, with J. Pinckney Henderson taking the oath of office as governor.

In 1878, Thomas Edison received a U.S. patent for "an improvement in phonograph or speaking machines."

In 1934, the U.S. Army Air Corps began delivering mail after President Franklin D. Roosevelt canceled private contracts that had come under suspicion. (The hastily arranged, ill-equipped military flights claimed the lives of a dozen pilots, sparking a public outcry before they were dropped several months later.)

In 1968, the children's program "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," created by and starring Fred Rogers, made its network debut on National Educational Television, a forerunner of PBS, beginning a 31-season run.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
24°	16°	23° / 13°	30° / 22°	38° / 28°	39° / 31°

Local Outlook

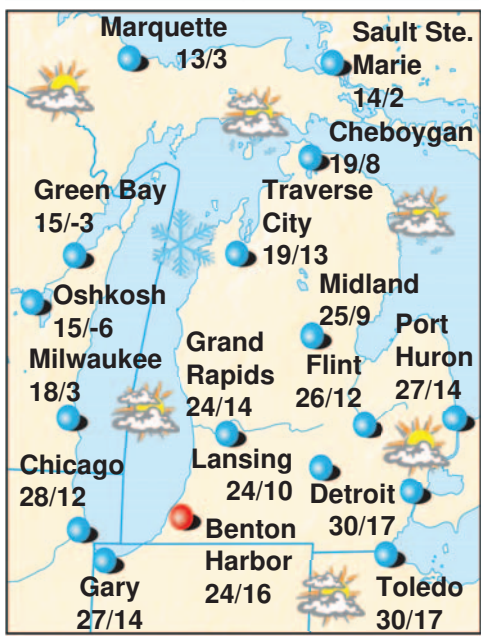
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 24°, humidity of 63%. Northwest wind 8 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 16°. Northwest wind 9 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 10°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:36 a.m.
Sunset	6:22 p.m.
Moonrise	5:17 a.m.
Moonset	2:33 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
2/23	3/2	3/9	3/16

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	38°
Low	25°
Normal High	36°
Normal Low	21°
Record High	68° in 2017
Record Low	-2° in 2006

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.01"
Month to date	0.66"
Normal for month	0.89"
Year to date	4.52"
Normal Year to date	2.64"

Air Quality

Yesterday 38

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

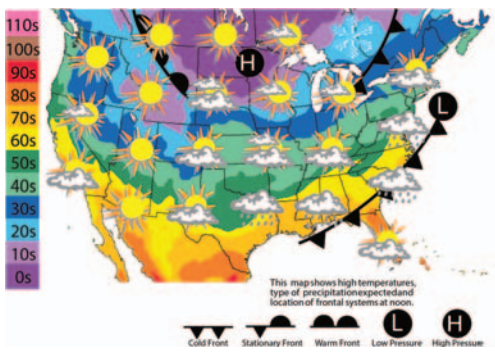
Weather Trivia

Is sunlight reflected by snow?

Answer: Yes, more than 80 percent of sunlight gets reflected.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Feb. 19, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, NW wind 11 to 14 kt. Widespread freezing spray. Cloudy through mid morning. Waves 4 to 5 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees. Tonight, NNW wind 11 to 13 kt. Increasing clouds.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

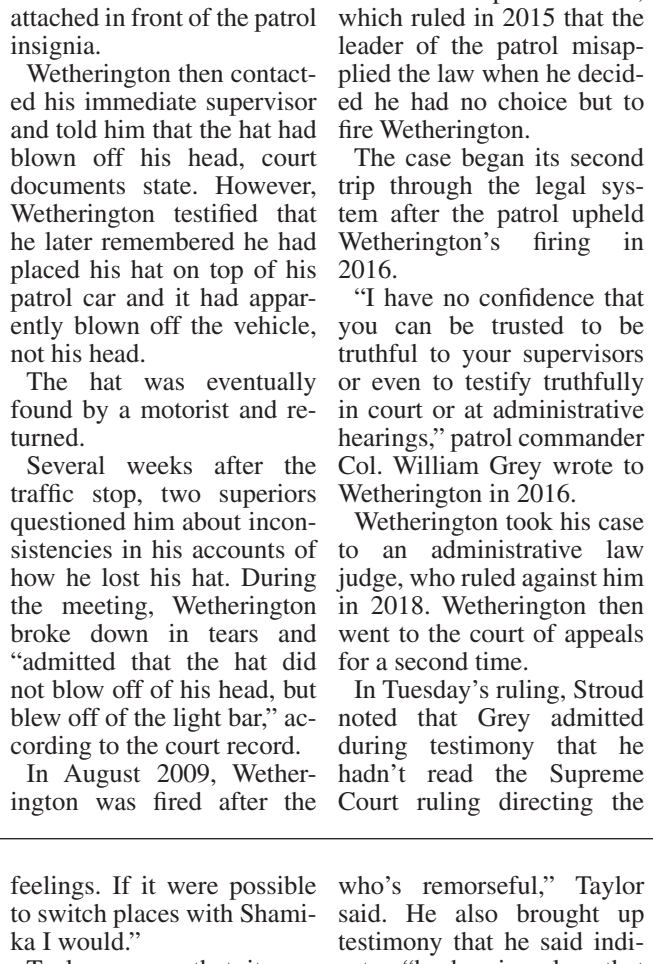
Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread snow showers, highs in the 10s. West wind 11 to 16 mph. Expect partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies Thursday with isolated snow showers, highs in the 10s and 20s. West wind 3 to 13 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 20s and 30s. Northwest wind 8 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with highs in the 20s. Northwest wind 7 to 10 mph.

Hat's off: Court reverses trooper firing

By JONATHAN DREW
Associated Press



David Goldman / AP file

A North Carolina State Trooper stands guard during the U.S. Open golf tournament in Pinehurst, N.C., in 2014.

RALEIGH, N.C. — A North Carolina state trooper shouldn't have been fired for losing his hat and lying about it, an appeals court ruled Tuesday in a case that's spanned a decade and multiple trips through the courts.

The case of the lost hat began in 2009 when former Trooper Thomas Wetherington mislaid his signature round-brimmed hat during a traffic stop. The matter has gone all the way to the state Supreme Court once before, generating more than 1,000 pages of legal briefs, rulings and evidence.

"It is unlikely so many lawyers have ever before written so many pages because of a lost hat," wrote North Carolina Court of Appeals Judge Donna Stroud in an opinion joined by the two other judges.

Stroud added that the case is not just about a hat: "It is about the tension between the statutorily protected rights of a law enforcement officer and proper discipline to protect the integrity and reliability of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol."

In March 2009 the trooper made a late-night traffic stop of a pickup truck with two occupants who had handguns in the vehicle but were cooperative. Wetherington then drove off to attend to another car stopped a short distance away. The trooper has testified that he noticed he didn't have his hat as he approached the second vehicle. He went back to the first scene to look for it, but all he could find were two gold-colored decorative acorns that were somewhat flattened, according to court documents. Troopers' hats have the decorative acorns attached in front of the patrol insignia.

Wetherington then contacted his immediate supervisor and told him that the hat had blown off his head, court documents state. However, Wetherington testified that he later remembered he had placed his hat on top of his patrol car and it had apparently blown off the vehicle, not his head.

The hat was eventually found by a motorist and returned.

Several weeks after the traffic stop, two superiors questioned him about inconsistencies in his accounts of how he lost his hat. During the meeting, Wetherington broke down in tears and "admitted that the hat did not blow off of his head, but blew off of the light bar," according to the court record.

In August 2009, Wetherington was fired after the patrol determined he had violated its truthfulness policy. He appealed the decision, and the case wound up before state Supreme Court, which ruled in 2015 that the leader of the patrol misapplied the law when he decided he had no choice but to fire Wetherington.

The case began its second trip through the legal system after the patrol upheld Wetherington's firing in 2016.

"I have no confidence that you can be trusted to be truthful to your supervisors or even to testify truthfully in court or at administrative hearings," patrol commander Col. William Grey wrote to Wetherington in 2016.

Wetherington took his case to an administrative law judge, who ruled against him in 2018. Wetherington then went to the court of appeals for a second time.

In Tuesday's ruling, Stroud noted that Grey admitted during testimony that he hadn't read the Supreme Court ruling directing the agency to consider a number of factors including Wetherington's work history and the severity of the actions. Stroud's ruling noted he'd had no prior disciplinary actions and a good performance rating since he was sworn in as a trooper in late 2007.

The appeals court determined that Grey relied on essentially the same logic as the predecessor who initially fired Wetherington, along with the same facts already decided by the courts.

"Col. Grey failed to consider most of the factors our Supreme Court directed were 'necessary' in this case. ... Instead, he considered only his personal assessment of the importance of Petitioner's untruthful statements," Stroud wrote.

Tuesday's ruling sends the case back to the administrative law judge with instructions to reinstate Wetherington to the patrol, determine a more appropriate level of discipline and consider whether he deserves to receive his lost salary.

First Sgt. Michael Baker, a Highway Patrol spokesman, declined to comment on the ruling in an email.

Wetherington's lawyer, J. Michael McGuinness, said in an email that his client intends to return to service, and McGuinness lamented that he's suffered so long over "a simple mistake."

He said that his client's "confusion over the location of his hat during a dangerous high-risk traffic stop involving firearms was surely not a sufficient basis for termination."

LIFER

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lied to the police, the Hicks family, my family and the court. At 49, I don't claim to be perfect but I'm not the same as I once was." At trial and for years after, he denied any involvement in Shamika's murder.

Richards told the judge, "As I reflect back on my atrocious actions I am appalled. I am a human with feelings. If it were possible to switch places with Shamika I would."

Taylor argues that it was not until the Miller case was decided and juvenile-lifers were handed a chance at freedom that Richards took any responsibility for his actions. He reminded the court about a recorded phone call from prison in which Richards told his girlfriend that he was going to say what he needed to say to get out.

"That's not somebody who's remorseful," Taylor said. He also brought up testimony that he said indicates "he has impulses that he can't get a handle on. He is that irreparable individual who deserves life without parole."

In a statement Pasula read before pronouncing sentence Tuesday, she referred to the recorded phone conversation in which Richards told his girlfriend, "We have to push all the right buttons and pull all the right levers."

Further, Pasula referred to testimony by prison personnel who said Richards was caught in March 2019 having sex with his visiting girlfriend inside the prison, which is prohibited.

Richards, seated between Nelson and his other lawyer, Claire Ward, quietly shook his head as Pasula said, "I grant the prosecutor's motion to sentence this defendant to life without parole.

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"Everyone's not going to like who you are because no one is perfect," she said.

Master's plans to attend Howard University in Washington, D.C., in the fall to study biology, with her goal to become a neurosurgeon.

"I just fell in love with biology classes," she said. "I always wanted to take AP biology classes and dissect and all that stuff."

Teen center Director John Sams IV said Masters will now compete for the state title on April 16-18 in Detroit.

"I've excited to see where she's going to go," he said. "She's ready for the next level."

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TRUSTEES

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requirement was that they must be registered voters.

The board had two vacancies for months as a result of the deaths of Trustee Carolyn Fowler and Supervisor Kevin White.

Underground work

Trustees approved engineering costs for Napier Avenue water system improvements that the township is hoping to start work on by this summer.

Steve Oosting, senior engineer with Prein & Newhof, said the plan is to start work in line with a road paving project by the county.

"One of the fundamental tenets that we promote in capital improvement planning is when there are underground utility needs, that those projects be done with planned roadwork," Oosting said. "No one likes tearing down good roads for underground utility work."

The Berrien County Road Department is paving on Napier Avenue west of M-139 in the fall.

While the township can now begin engineering work, Oosting said Prein and Newhof would return for further action before sending out bids on construction.

The next board meeting is at 5:30 p.m. on March 3 at Benton Township Hall.

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BOND

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improved security and an updated technology infrastructure.

The series bond was approved in 2016 and projected to raise more than $8 million over 12 years for St. Joseph schools. The bond is issued over three series in four-year increments.

Money raised from the sale of the series bonds is used to support upgrades in technology, security, transportation and building improvements across the district.

The district was issued $2.45 million in 2016 (Series I), and is expected to be issued $3.05 million in 2020 (Series II) and $2.89 million in 2024 (Series III).

The series bond isn't like a traditional bond, when considering the payment process. Because the bond is being done in three series, each series would just about be paid off before the next series is levied.

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hp SPORTS

Molino Tortilleria opens Sawyer location

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Brookins, Chieftains find their rhythm

Dowagiac uses big third quarter to top Berrien Springs

By BEN SPENCER
HP Sports Writer

DOWAGIAC — Dowagiac's boys basketball team finally found its offensive rhythm in the second half of Tuesday's boys basketball contest against visiting Berrien Springs.

Dowagiac 76, Berrien Springs 48

The Chieftains led by just three points at halftime, but used a massive third quarter to put away the Shamrocks and earn a 76-48 non-conference win on senior night.

"We didn't shoot the ball well in the first half. We got plenty of shots, they just didn't fall," Dowagiac coach Danum Hunt said. "(Berrien Springs) came out unorthodox defensively with the box-and-one to shut down DJ Lanier, but we have plenty of guys that can score. So that (defense) wasn't a large factor, but we were just out of rhythm.

"Once we got going defensively, making them turn it over and getting a few layups off steals, we were able to get into a rhythm and play Dowagiac basketball."

Trae Brookins was a big reason why the Chieftains (12-5) were able to get moving offensively after a sluggish start.

Brookins poured in 31 points, adding six rebounds, five steals and four assists in his final home contest as a Chieftain.

In the first half, Brookins' 11 points kept the Chieftains close as Berrien Springs (5-10) opened the game strong.

Dowagiac led 6-0 early, but the Shamrocks closed the quarter on a 12-3 run to take the lead.

Berrien Springs continued to build its lead in the second, eventually leading 20-13 before the Chieftains went on a 14-4 run of their own to regain the lead, 27-24, at half.

From there, Dowagiac never trailed again.

"The first half was basically how I thought we could play them," Shamrocks coach Karl Finley said. "We knew they would come out hyped because it was senior night, so we tried to do something defensively a little different.

"I thought one of the issues was rebounding. It's been a bugaboo for us all year. When you're giving up extra opportunities, it eventually catches up."

While the Shamrocks held the edge on the glass, 36-34, the Chieftains were able to clean up offensive boards for some easy second-chance points, particularly in the third quarter.

Brookins and the Chieftains came alive offensively in the quarter, as Brookins scored 13 of his team's 30

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Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Dowagiac's Trae Brookins (1) drives toward the basket as Jackson Glanzer (13) defends for Berrien Springs during Tuesday's game.

Early attack

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Coloma's Stacey Branscumb (22) and Isaiah Reinhardt battle for a loose ball against South Haven's Damon Jackson during the first half of Tuesday night's game.

Coloma's first-quarter 3-pointers key victory over South Haven

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

COLOMA — Coloma had a great offensive first quarter in Tuesday's 49-43 boys basketball victory over South Haven, making 5 of 6 3-pointers to go ahead 18-6.

Coloma 49, South Haven 43

The Comets went cold after that, but the early lead and some solid defense were enough to carry them to the victory.

"It's been like that all season," Coloma coach Curtis McFall said. "We'll have a 20-point quarter and then we'll have a single-digit quarter. We're just trying to balance it out, trying to get consistent scoring. I think we had good looks at it, we just didn't knock them down."

Drew Goodline led Coloma (9-7) with 23 points and five assists. Michael Dancer had a solid all-around game with nine points, nine rebounds, three assists and three steals.

"Just consistency with those guys," McFall said. "That's one thing we're preaching with Drew is just consistency every night, just keeping his foot on the pedal trying to be the best player he can be. Mike, we kind of need him to be our rebounder. We need him on the glass, we need him active."

South Haven (7-8) scored the game's first four points, but Coloma scored the next 15, including eight straight by Goodline. He hit

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Blesy comes through for Bees

Bridgman edges Buchanan in key BCS Red matchup

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

BUCHANAN – When the game was on the line, Luke Blesy delivered.

Bridgman 55, Buchanan 51

The Bridgman sophomore intercepted a Buchanan pass and made 1 of 2 free throws in the closing seconds as the Bees held on to win 55-51 Tuesday in Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Red Division action.

"This is a hard place to play," Bridgman coach Mike Miller said. "(Buchanan coach Reid) McBeth does a great job and they're always well-coached. They're a very good basketball team and we're very fortunate to get out of here with a victory."

Hunter Adams and Jackson Schmaltz scored 11 points apiece for the Bees, who got off to a fast start and led by as many as eight before taking a 21-15 lead into the second quarter. The Bucks responded in the second quarter by forcing Bridgman into poor shot decisions while Chris Young and Logan Carson keyed the offense. Buchanan outscored Bridgman 15-4 in the second quarter to take a 30-25 lead into half time.

"We tried to throw something different defensively," McBeth said.

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Lakeshore to face Niles in regional wrestling showdown

Team regionals held today; individual events Saturday

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

The area's only two rated wrestling squads will collide tonight in the Division 2 team regional semifinals when No. 7 rated Lakeshore meets No. 9 rated Niles.

"I'm sure it will be a lot closer than when we met two weeks ago," stated veteran Lakeshore coach Bruce Bittenbender, in reference to his team's 49-15 thumping of shorthanded Niles, whose coach Todd Hesson chose not to wrestle his four top matmen that meet.

The Lakeshore-Niles winner is expected to claim the regional title and advance to the state finals, if it beats the winner of the other regional semifinal, host Battle Creek Harper Creek vs. Plainwell.

"It will come down to three things – the matchups, bonus points and the coin flip," noted Hesson, whose 14-6 squad advanced nine grapplers out of individual district on Saturday, including one champion (Ryan Franco at 125), and five runner-ups.

Bittenbender agreed with Hesson's assessment, but added: "The most important thing is who wants it most."

Team regionals

Tonight
Division 2
At B.C. Harper Creek
6 – Niles vs. Lakeshore
6 – Harper Creek vs. Plainwell
7:30 – Championship

Division 3
At Hopkins
6 – South Haven vs. Dowagiac
6 – Hopkins vs. Constantine
7:30 – Championship

Division 4
At Lawton
6 – Decatur vs. White Pigeon
6 – Eau Claire vs. Lawton
7:30 – Championship

Individual regionals

Saturday
Division 2 – At Vicksburg
Division 3 – At Constantine
Division 4 – At Mendon

The Lancers (17-1) moved eight matmen out of individual districts, including four champions – Aaron Lucio (119), Micah Hanau (130), Shane Williams (140), and Zeke Rohl (215).

"There definitely will be some maneuvering by both coaches during the match," added Bittenbender. "A key for both teams is staying off your back."

Niles is the defending D2 regional team champion, and Lakeshore won it the year before.

Division 3 at Constantine

Two area teams from the Wolverine Conference, Dowagiac and South Haven meet in the opener with the winner facing the Hopkins-Constantine winner.

Dowagiac (21-9), which will be seeking its third straight D3 regional crown, nipped South Haven 33-31 earlier this season.

"I'd say we're a slight favorite, but it's going to be a real battle," said Colin Burandt, Dowagiac coach. "Anyone could win it."

Constantine moved nine wrestlers out of individual district, Dowagiac eight, and South Haven six.

The Chieftains had one district champ in Jordan Simpson (103).

The Rams also had one in Ray Woodall (130).

Division 4 at Lawton

The host Blue Devils are the clear-cut favorite as they advanced nine grapplers out of individual districts.

They meet Eau Claire, which got only two out, in one semifinal. Decatur meets White Pigeon in the other opener.

Coach Mitch Kennedy's Raiders advanced five, including champions Romeo Lopez (130) and Jared Checkley (171).

The Beavers had one district champ in Darian Davis (152).

The individual regionals will be held on Saturday.

IN BRIEF

Red Wings sweep Canadiens with win

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Red Wings can only wish they played Montreal more than just four times this season.

Andreas Athanasiou scored his second goal with 5:15 remaining in regulation to cap Detroit's three-goal third period, helping the Red Wings rally to beat the Canadiens 4-3 Tuesday night to sweep the season series.

Detroit has earned four of its NHL-low 15 victories against the Canadiens.

NCAA moves toward immediate eligibility for all transfers

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA is moving toward allowing all Division I athletes to transfer one time without sitting out a season of competition.

A plan to change the waiver process is expected to be presented to the Division I Council in April. If adopted, new criteria would go into effect for the 2020-21 academic year.

The NCAA's announcement Tuesday comes a day after the Atlantic Coast Conference became the second Power Five conference to publicly support the so-called on-time exception for all transfers.

Currently, football, men's and women's basketball, men's hockey and baseball players must sit out one season after transferring. Other NCAA Division I athletes are permitted a one-time exception to be immediately eligible for competition after transferring.

Angels' Goodwin, D-backs' Bradley go to salary arbitration

PHOENIX (AP) — Los Angeles Angels outfielder Brian Goodwin and Arizona reliever Archie Bradley went to salary arbitration hearings Tuesday.

Goodwin asked a panel for a raise to $2.2 million and the team argued for $1.85 million. He hit .262 last year and set career bests with 17 homers and 47 RBIs in 458 plate appearances for the Angels, who claimed him off waivers from Kansas City last year. The 29-year-old was eligible for the first time after earning $585,500 last year.

A decision by arbitrators Dan Brent, Melinda Gordon and Elizabeth Neumeier is expected Thursday, when decisions also are due for Miami first baseman Jesús Aguilar and Houston backup infielder Aledmys Díaz. Bradley's decision is expected Saturday.

A 27-year right-hander, Bradley asked arbitrators Andrew Strongin, Steven Wolf and Jules Bloch for a raise from $1.83 million to $4.1 million, and the team argued for $3,625,000. Bradley was 4-5 with a 3.52 ERA in 65 relief appearances and one start last year. He struck out 87 and walked 36 in 71 2/3 innings.

3 UConn football players face charges in burglary

VERNON, Conn. (AP) — Three members of UConn's 2019 football team face charges stemming from a November burglary on campus.

Running back Khyon Gillespie and defensive backs Oneil Robinson and Ryan Carroll are accused of stealing about $5,000 worth of items, including a television, video game systems and clothes from a dorm on Nov. 23, according to arrest warrant affidavits.

The three sophomores face charges including burglary, larceny and making false statements. They did not immediately return email messages Tuesday seeking comment.

Gillespie and Robinson turned themselves in to police last week. Carroll was charged Tuesday.

Robinson and Carroll previously announced their intentions to transfer from UConn and are no longer members of the team. Gillespie has been suspended indefinitely from the program, the school said.

AIRWAVES

Television today

2:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Manchester City FC vs West Ham United FC. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (TNT) **UEFA Champions League Soccer** Tottenham Hotspur FC vs RB Leipzig. (Live) CC
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Butler at Seton Hall. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Michigan at Rutgers. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Syracuse at Louisville. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Auburn at Georgia. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** Georgia Tech at Wake Forest. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) **College Basketball** Missouri State at Bradley. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** New York Rangers at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Providence at Georgetown. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Indiana at Minnesota. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Duke at NC State. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Kansas State at Texas Tech. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** Miami at Virginia Tech. (Live)

Thursday

10:30 a.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Puerto Rico Open, First Round. (Live)
12:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NBA G League Basketball** Erie BayHawks at Windy City Bulls. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** WGC - Mexico Championship, First Round. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Michigan State at Purdue. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Ohio State at Iowa. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Connecticut at Temple. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Milwaukee Bucks at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Charlotte Hornets at Chicago Bulls. (Live)
(TNT) **NBA Basketball** Brooklyn Nets at Philadelphia 76ers. (Live) CC
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Michigan State at Nebraska. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Wrestling** Northern Iowa at Wisconsin. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Oregon at Arizona State. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** USC at Colorado. (Live)
10:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** UCLA at Utah. (Live) CC
(TNT) **NBA Basketball** Houston Rockets at Golden State Warriors. (Live) CC
11:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** San Francisco at Gonzaga. (Live)

Radio today

7 p.m.
College basketball — Michigan at Rutgers (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Thursday

8:30 p.m.
College basketball — Michigan State at Nebraska (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

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Cavaliers coach Beilein expected to step down

By MARLA RIDENOUR
Akron Beacon Journal (TNS)

CLEVELAND — First-year coach John Beilein is expected to walk away from the Cavaliers by Wednesday, according to multiple reports.

The Cavs and Beilein were in negotiations Tuesday that would allow the two to part ways, The Athletic's Shams Charania and Jason Lloyd and ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski reported.

Beilein signed a contract in May for four years with a one-year team option that carried a salary worth $4 to $4.5 million annually, The Athletic reported. He's prepared to leave and forfeit $12 million still guaranteed.

Beilein, 67, spent 41 years in the college ranks, the last 12 at Michigan, before jumping to the NBA this season to help direct the Cavs' rebuild.

The Cavs (14-40) will hold their first practice following the All-Star break on Wednesday and play Friday at Washington.

Associate head coach J.B. Bickerstaff, 40, is expected to succeed Beilein. A former coach of the Memphis Grizzlies and Houston Rockets, first taking over in an interim capacity with both, Bickerstaff would be the Cavs' sixth coach in the past seven seasons.

Reports surfaced late Sunday night during the NBA All-Star Game that Beilein had discussed his future with the Cavs' front office. The Cavs hold the second-worst record in the league and the worst mark in the Eastern Conference.

Beilein failed to connect with his players virtually from the start, with The Athletic reporting in December that players were tuning him out and didn't like his collegiate style. Early in the season he lamented injuries, especially to rookies Dylan Windler and Darius Garland. Late in the season he became increasingly demoralized by a 12-game home losing streak and a 4-17 record in the new year, when progress had been expected.

His son Patrick's resignation for personal reasons before he coached a game at Niagara University in late October also reportedly has played a part in Beilein's struggles.

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points in the frame.

Aside from Brookins' efforts, Dashawn Brooks also had a good night shooting for Dowagiac, scoring 15 on five made 3-pointers. Lanier added 11.

Three players scored in double-figures for the Shamrocks, including Anthony Latin, who scored 15, as well as Josiah Pittman (11) and Byron Tate (10).

Finley said he thought the quick pace of the game got his team out of sync a bit, resulting in 15 second-half turnovers. The Shamrocks had committed only nine in the opening half.

"These guys, they need experience, they need reps," said Finley. "You can't buy that. My hats off to Dowagiac. You've got to make shots. Especially on those outside shots, I'll go with them taking those shots every day. Sometimes that's not the greatest percentage shot for high schoolers, so I'm not upset about that."

Dowagiac drilled 13 threes in the game, compared to none for the Shamrocks.

The Chieftains also passed the ball extremely well, tallying 20 team assists on 27 made field goals.

"We know ball movement can get you easy baskets," said Hunt. "We were able to move the ball, especially with what they were doing defensively. When you're able to find open guys and you're able to find you're rhythm, you're going to make some shots. When we share well and we're shooting well, we're pretty tough to beat."

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent
Dowagiac's DJ Lanier (12) drives to the basket as Berrien Springs' James York (3) tries to chase him down during Tuesday's game.

Dowagiac now has just two games remaining on the schedule before opening district play.

"Right now we're working on getting better as far as execution and tightening things up defensively," Hunt said. "Berrien is one of the teams in our district, so it could be possible we face them again. These last few games, our focus is winning of course, but we want to prepare for tournament play and see how far we can take it."

DOWAGIAC 76, BERRIEN SPRINGS 48

BERRIEN SPRINGS (48)
Byron Tate 2 6-6 10, Marshall McFarland 1 0-0 2, Anthony Latin 7 1-2 15, Zeb Bodtke 3 1-2 7, Josiah Pittman 5 1-3 11, Jamal Hailey 1 1-4 3. Totals: 19 10-17 48.
DOWAGIAC (76)
Trae Brookins 10 6-9 31, DJ Lanier 4 2-2 11, Dashawn Brooks 5 0-0 15, Cailyn Murphy 2 0-1 4, Stewart Smith 3 1-2 8, TJ Reed 1 0-0 2, Ryan Payne 1 0-0 2, Henry Weller 1 0-0 3. Totals: 27 9-14 76

BSprings	**12**	**12**	**7**	**17**	**— 48**
Dowagiac	**9**	**18**	**30**	**19**	**— 76**

3-point goals – Dowagiac 13 (Brookins 5, Brooks 5, Lanier, Weller, Smith), Berrien Springs 0. Rebounds – Dowagiac 34 (Murphy 10, Brookins 6), Berrien Springs 36 (McFarland 5). Assists – Dowagiac 20 (Reed 5, Weller 5), Berrien Springs 7. Total fouls – Dowagiac 12, Berrien Springs 14. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none.
Records – Dowagiac 12-5 ; Berrien Springs 5-10.

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Coloma's Isaiah Reinhardt shoots over South Haven's Zander Russell during the first half of Tuesday night's game.

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two 3s in the quarter, and Dancer, Stacey Branscumb and Isaiah Reinhardt each made one.

"They're a good shooting team," South Haven coach Larry Ash said. "If you let your guy beat you in the middle and we have to go help, they know enough to kick it back out to get a wide-open 3. Letting them have a set shot, you might as well forget it. That's like a layup to some of them."

Coloma took three charges in the second quarter and built its lead to 26-12 at the break. The Comets led by as many as 18 in the third.

South Haven rallied in the fourth, as Zander Russell scored nine of his team-high 13 points in the quarter. Brenden Williamson scored the Rams' final eight, but the final margin of six was as close as they got.

"The score is really deceiving," Ash said. "They came out ready to play. We weren't ready to play. You can't wait until the last three or four minutes of the game to try to turn it up. That's never going to work against a good team, and they're a pretty good team."

Anthony White had a game-high 14 rebounds for South Haven.

COLOMA 49, SOUTH HAVEN 43

SOUTH HAVEN (43)
Brenden Williamson 3 0-0 8, Xavier Ward 1 4-4 6, Anthony White 2 1-4 5, Kayden Hamdani 2 0-0 4, Zander Russell 4 4-6 13, Damon Jackson 1 2-3 4, Damarion Elliott 1 0-1 3. Totals: 14 11-18 43.
COLOMA (49)
Jake Ickes 2 1-2 7, Drew Goodline 8 4-7 23, Michael Dancer 4 0-1 9, Shawn Dryer 1 0-0 2, Isaiah Reinhardt 1 0-1 3, Stacey Branscumb 1 0-0 3, Brenden Jacobs 1 0-0 2. Totals: 18 5-11 49.

S. Haven	**6**	**6**	**12**	**19**	**— 43**
Coloma	**18**	**8**	**13**	**10**	**— 49**

3-point goals – South Haven 4 (Williamson 2, Elliott, Russell), Coloma 8 (Goodline 3, Ickes 2, Dancer, Reinhardt, Branscumb). Total fouls – South Haven 16, Coloma 15. Fouled out – none. Technical foul – Reinhardt (C). Rebounds – South Haven 37 (White 14), Coloma 24 (Dancer 9). Assists – Goodline (C) 5. Records – Coloma 9-7, South Haven 7-8.

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Newman awake, talking after horrific Daytona 500 crash

By ILIANA LIMON ROMERO AND RICHARD TRIBOU
Orlando Sentinel (TNS)

Ryan Newman is awake and speaking with his family and doctors, a day after a horrific crash during the final lap of Monday's Daytona 500, his team announced.

Steve Newmark, president of Roush Fenway Racing, released an update shortly before 4 p.m. Tuesday that read:

"Ryan Newman remains under the care of doctors at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona, Florida. He is awake and speaking with family and doctors.

"Ryan and his family have expressed their appreciation for the concern and heartfelt messages from across the country. They are grateful for the unwavering support of the NASCAR community and beyond."

The major development was a relief for the NASCAR family and fans throughout the country who were unsure about Newman's status after the crash.

The racing team had previously posted an update shortly before noon Tuesday thanking fans for their support and confirming Newman was still being treated at the hospital less than a mile away from Daytona International Speedway.

The earlier statement read: "On behalf of Roush Fenway Racing and Ryan Newman's family, we'd like to thank the NASCAR community for the incredible outpouring of support and compassion for Ryan. Your thoughts and prayers have comforted us all.

"Ryan remains at Halifax Medical Center and we will provide further updates on his condition as they become available."

The racing team had announced late Monday night Newman was in serious condition, but that his injuries were not life-threatening.

No details about the extent of the injuries or prognosis for recovery were released Tuesday.

"We appreciate your thoughts and prayers and ask that you respect the privacy of Ryan and his family during this time. We appreciate your patience and cooperation and will provide more information as it becomes available," the statement read.

NASCAR executive vice president Steve O'Donnell relayed the statement in a press conference, adding, "Certainly on our behalf, we're going to continue to work with the race team and Ryan's family to support them in any way that we can. We'd ask that you respect their privacy, and going forward we'll provide updates as we can, but at this time our thoughts are with Ryan and his family."

Newman, 42, was bumped by Ryan Blaney during the furious push to the finish line of a race that was extended to 209 laps due to earlier crashes. Newman lost control of his No. 6 Ford and slammed into the wall before going airborne. As Newman's car descended, the No. 32 car of Corey LaJoie hit the driver's side of Newman's car at top speed, sending it airborne again and into multiple rolls.

The car caught fire before emergency crews could put out the fire and work to extract Newman from the vehicle.

LaJoie appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America" on Tuesday saying, "I didn't even know who I hit because you're concentrating on trying to get a good finish and nobody realizes how fast 200 mph is or how light or how uncontrollable these cars are when you get out of shape. I didn't even know who I hit or what the extent of the crash was until after I got out of the infield care center.

"Until somebody told me that Ryan, they took him straight to the hospital, I was obviously nervous. … It was obviously a very scary crash, but the fact that he's still with us, and he can hopefully make a full recovery is just a testament to the NASCAR R&D group and how safe they try to make these race cars."

While fantastic crashes are a fixture in racing, replays of the collision sent a chill through Daytona International Speedway. Newman's team was in tears while fellow drivers began praying for him.

More than a dozen emergency workers helped move Newman into an ambulance. Streets between the track and the hospital were closed as Newman was transported for further treatment.

About two hours after the race amid mounting concerns about Newman's safety, his Roush Fenway Racing team released the statement about Newman's status at the hospital.

NASCAR had previously canceled the press conference and breakfast traditionally held for the Daytona 500 winner the morning after the race once storms forced the event to be completed on Monday rather than Sunday.

The Monday night finish left drivers uneasily moving on to the next race on the NASCAR schedule Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

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Championship, 7:30
Division 3 at Hopkins
South Haven vs. Dowagiac, 6
Hopkins vs. Constantine, 6
Championship, 7:30
Division 4 at Lawton
Decatur vs. White Pigeon, 6
Lawton vs. Eau Claire, 6
Championship, 7:30
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Ancilla College at LMC men, 7:30
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Lake Michigan Catholic at New Buffalo, 7:30
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Coloma at Lakeshore, 6

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Battle Creek St. Philip 60, Athens 32
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Bridgman 55, Buchanan 51
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Grand Rapids Christian 55, East Grand Rapids 53
Grand Rapids Covenant Christian 66, Muskegon Western Michigan Christian 47
Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills 56, Kent City 45
Grand Rapids Northview 56, Cedar Springs 36
Grand Rapids South Christian 62, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 38
Grand River Prep 74, Fruitport Calvary Christian 56
Hamtramck 61, Macomb L'Anse Creuse North 56
Hartford 60, Marcellus 54
Haslett 63, Holt 59
Hemlock 58, Midland Bullock Creek 38
Hillsdale 46, Ida 42
Holland Christian 66, Grandville Calvin Christian 47
Holland West Ottawa 61, Caledonia 51
Hopkins 71, Wyoming Lee 48
Howard City Tri-County 47, Grant 40
Howell 75, Canton 71, 2OT
Imlay City 54, Almont 51
Ionia 57, Alma 47
Iron Mountain 80, Kingsford 33
Jackson Christian 73, North Adams-Jerome 55
Jackson Northwest 60, Coldwater 57
Jonesville 56, Bronson 48
Kalamazoo Heritage Christian 51, St. Joseph
Michigan Lutheran 35
Kalkaska 64, Grayling 58
Kingston 86, Genesee 52
Lansing Christian 64, Vermontville Maple Valley 51
Lansing Eastern 69, Lansing Sexton 64
Lansing Everett 57, Grand Ledge 55
Litchfield 81, Hillsdale Will Carleton Academy 56
Lowell 42, Greenville 39
Macomb Lutheran North 74, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 72
Manton 45, Lake City 39
Marshall 68, Jackson Lumen Christi 50
Mason County Central 49, Shelby 40
Mendon 52, Bangor 33
Menominee 69, Ishpeming 50
Merritt Academy 59, Carsonville-Port Sanilac 53
Mishawaka, Ind. 59, Lakeshore/St. Joseph Co-op 38
Montrose 50, Burton Atherton 42
Munising 60, Rapid River 38
Muskegon 87, Jenison 47
Muskegon Mona Shores 56, Grand Rapids Union 54
Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 56, Fruitport 45
Negaunee 75, Gladstone 43
North Central 55, Iron Mountain North Dickinson 43
North Farmington 62, Lake Orion 18
North Muskegon 49, Montague 36
Northville 48, Salem 47
Norway 43, Crystal Falls Forest Park 34
Novi Christian 69, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 50
Onsted 64, Hudson 56
Oscoda 78, Hillman 32
Otsego 84, Battle Creek Lakeview 76
Ovid-Elsie 78, Birch Run 46
Parma Western 62, Hastings 45
Peck 66, Akron-Fairgrove 27
Plainwell 62, Kalamazoo Christian 58
Plymouth 55, Novi 54, OT
Portage Northern 55, Three Rivers 48
Quincy 57, Union City 31
Ravenna 70, Oakridge High School 36
Reading 64, Springport 30
Reed City 60, Remus Chippewa Hills 43
Riverview 46, Carleton Airport 40
Rochester 49, Birmingham Seaholm 46
Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 42, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 35
Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 54, Farmington 53
Rock Mid Peninsula 58, Cooks Big Bay de Noc 32
Romulus 80, Detroit Country Day 56
Saginaw 62, Bay City John Glenn 32
Saginaw Arthur Hill 70, Midland Dow 57
Saginaw Heritage 79, Bay City Western 39
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 61, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 54
Saginaw Nouvel 68, Millington 53
Schoolcraft 72, Richland Gull Lake 54
Shepherd 49, Breckenridge 40
Sparta 55, Coopersville 50
Spring Lake 62, Grand Rapids West Catholic 57
St. Charles 48, St. Louis 31
St. Clair Shores Lakeview 48, Fair Haven-Anchor Bay 47
Stanton Central Montcalm 54, Big Rapids 42
Stockbridge 58, Perry 51
Sturgis 45, Mattawan 34
Traverse City St. Francis 58, Harbor Springs 46
Troy 65, Birmingham Groves 58
Troy Athens 64, Royal Oak 54
Vicksburg 69, Parchment 57
Wakefield-Marenisco 60, Lake Linden-Hubbell 47
Warren De La Salle 62, Sterling Heights Stevenson 41
Watersmeet 53, Phelps, Wis. 44
Watervliet 69, Lawton 56
West Michigan Aviation 45, Zion Christian 33
Westwood 54, Gwinn 35
Whitehall 77, Hart 54
Wolverine 74, Harbor Light Christian 42
Wyandotte Roosevelt 57, Dearborn Edsel Ford 55
Wyoming 57, Hudsonville 50
Wyoming Potter's House Christian 59, Muskegon Catholic Central 41
Wyoming West Michigan Lutheran 70, Kent City Algoma Christian 26
Yale 62, Algonac 38
Ypsilanti Lincoln 108, Chelsea 102, 2OT
Zeeland East 54, Hudsonville Unity Christian 51
Zeeland West 57, Hamilton 47

Tuesday's girls scores
Adrian Madison 49, Clinton 23
Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 78, Clarkston Everest Collegiate 47
Allendale 51, Comstock Park 43
Almont 46, Marine City Cardinal Mooney 14
Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner 33, Kalamazoo Phoenix 15
Auburn Hills Avondale 55, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 36
Bad Axe 46, Elkton-Pigeon Bay Port Laker 35
Bath 36, Fulton-Middleton 23
Battle Creek Central 55, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 45
Battle Creek Harper Creek 52, Battle Creek Pennfield 29
Bay City John Glenn 69, Saginaw 33
Bellaire 53, Onaway 18
Berkley 64, Troy Athens 59
Big Rapids 48, Stanton Central Montcalm 31
Bloomingdale 52, Cassopolis 29
Boyne City 43, Elk Rapids 24
Brethren 38, Bear Lake 24
Brooklyn Columbia Central 45, Blissfield 17
Brownstown Woodhaven 45, Gibraltar Carlson 41
Buckley 55, Onekama 54
Burr Oak 36, Battle Creek Academy 12
Burton Bendle 42, Otisville Lakeville 41
Byron Center 70, Holland 17
Cadillac 45, Ludington 39
Caro 45, Cass City 22
Cedar Springs 34, Grand Rapids Northview 15
Centreville 50, Decatur 45
Charlevoix 41, East Jordan 25
Charlotte 51, Olivet 38
Clare 42, Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart 32
Coleman 38, Sanford-Meridian 22
Colon 45, Climax-Scotts 35
Constantine 51, Comstock 27
Corunna 69, Fowlerville 49
Crystal Falls Forest Park 48, Rapid River 18
Davison 46, Oxford 31
DeWitt 53, Lansing Waverly 38
Dearborn 54, Belleville 44
Dearborn Advanced Technology 43, Dearborn Heights Star International 19
Dearborn Fordson 57, Livonia Churchill 47
Dearborn Heights Crestwood 45, Lincoln Park 44
Detroit Edison(DEPSA) 67, Detroit Cass Tech 25
Dexter 65, Ypsilanti 50
East Grand Rapids 63, Grand Rapids Christian 59
East Kentwood 59, Rockford 53
East Lansing 63, Okemos 24
Edwardsburg 59, Niles 43
Erie-Mason 51, Sand Creek 32
Ewen-Trout Creek 60, Bessemer 18
Farwell 50, Vestaburg 25
Flint Hamady 43, Saginaw Arthur Hill 35
Frankenmuth 53, Chesaning 37
Frankfort 42, Leland 29
Fremont 35, Newaygo 30
Gobles 48, Allegan 24
Goodrich 71, Lake Fenton 60
Grand Haven 53, Grandville 40
Grand Ledge 69, Lansing Everett 22
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 69, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills 20
Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian 52, Wyoming Godwin Heights 47
Grand Rapids South Christian 47, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 42
Grand Rapids West Catholic 71, Spring Lake 37
Gwinn 37, Negaunee 29
Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy 67, Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory 45
Hartford 39, Marcellus 38
Hartland 36, Brighton 33
Haslett 46, Holt 41
Hemlock 59, Midland Bullock Creek 36
Hesperia 55, Oakridge High School 42
Holland Christian 40, Grandville Calvin Christian 35
Holland West Ottawa 47, Caledonia 29
Holton 39, Muskegon Orchard View 19
Hopkins 62, Wyoming Lee 10
Howard City Tri-County 47, Grant 40
Howell 56, Canton 19
Hudsonville 82, Wyoming 32
Ionia 51, Alma 42
Ithaca 48, Carrollton 25
Jackson 82, Adrian 39
Jackson Northwest 55, Coldwater 51
Kalamazoo Hackett 43, Calhoun Christian 35
Kalkaska 69, Grayling 52
Kelloggsville 34, Belding 23
Kent City 74, Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills 34
Kent City Algoma Christian 50, Wyoming West Michigan Lutheran 26
Kingsley 50, Maple City Glen Lake 38
Lake City 36, Manton 26
Lake Odessa Lakewood 51, Leslie 48
Lansing Christian 50, Vermontville Maple Valley 38
Lansing Eastern 49, Lansing Sexton 38
Litchfield 62, Hillsdale Will Carleton Academy 19
Livonia Clarenceville 39, Redford Union 37
Livonia Stevenson 52, Westland John Glenn 41
Lowell 33, Greenville 32
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Manchester 53, Addison 29
Manistee Catholic Central 41, Pentwater 37
Marion 48, Mason County Eastern 27
Marlette 46, Brown City 40
Marshall 65, Jackson Lumen Christi 29
Martin 63, Lawrence 14
Mason 50, Owosso 35
McBain 56, Houghton Lake 40
Mendon 37, Bangor 29
Michigan Center 74, Hanover-Horton 18
Midland 51, Bay City Central 42
Midland Dow 38, Flushing 29
Morley-Stanwood 52, Carson City-Crystal 26
Mount Pleasant 53, Shepherd 35
Muskegon 55, Jenison 52
Muskegon Mona Shores 56, Grand Rapids Union 43
Muskegon Western Michigan Christian 58, Grand Rapids Covenant Christian 53
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Pewamo-Westphalia 47, Fowler 30
Plainwell 53, Kalamazoo Christian 36
Plymouth 49, Novi 28
Reese 59, Essexville Garber 51
Richland Gull Lake 64, Sturgis 22
Rochester Adams 64, Rochester 46
Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 46, Plymouth Christian 40
Rock Mid Peninsula 69, Cooks Big Bay de Noc 37
Saginaw Arts and Science 71, Durand 25
Saginaw Heritage 44, Bay City Western 28
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 54, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 35
Saginaw Nouvel 57, Millington 14
Saline 65, Ann Arbor Huron 54
Sparta 44, Coopersville 34
Springport 62, Eaton Rapids 53
St. Charles 47, St. Louis 29
Sterling Heights Parkway Christian 33, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran 20
Stockbridge 41, Perry 18
Tecumseh 48, Pinckney 40
Three Rivers 61, Portage Central 47
Trenton 61, Allen Park 41
Troy 64, Farmington 33
Ubly 42, Sandusky 31
Unionville-Sebewaing 39, Vassar 20
Vicksburg 43, Parchment 28
Wakefield-Marenisco 60, L'Anse 47
Walkerville 47, Big Rapids Crossroads Charter Academy 40, 2OT
Watervliet 51, Lawton 42
Wayland Union 43, Ada Forest Hills Eastern 27
Westland Universal 43, Detroit Cesar Chavez 23
Whitmore Lake 72, Taylor Prep 49
Wyoming Potter's House Christian 39, Muskegon Catholic Central 30
Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 61, Fennville 36
Zeeland East 42, Hudsonville Unity Christian 32
Zion Christian 39, West Michigan Aviation 29
Catholic School League Tournament
Cardinal Bracket Semifinal
St. Catherine 50, Madison Heights Bishop Foley 35
Waterford Our Lady 50, Royal Oak Shrine 45
MAC Tournament
Blue/Gold Division Consolation Semifinal
Fair Haven-Anchor Bay 49, St. Clair 32
L'Anse Creuse 41, Clinton Township Chippewa Valley 38
Blue/Gold Division Semifinal
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North 57, Marysville 25
St. Clair Shores Lakeview 53, Marine City 39
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Port Huron Northern 57, Sterling Heights 23
Warren Cousino HS 33, Sterling Heights Stevenson 26
Warren Woods Tower 40, Clinton Township Clintondale 14

High school scoreboard

By HP STAFF

GIRLS BASKETBALL

EDWARDSBURG 59, NILES 43

NILES (43)
Reese Davies 1 0-0 2, Amara Palmer 4 2-2 11, Alycia Patterson 5 2-2 17, Sydney Skarbek 0 3-3 3, Alexis Rauch 3 4-4 10. Totals: 13 11-11 43.
EDWARDSBURG (59)
Ella Castelucci 1 0-0 2, Macey Laubach 2 5-5 9, Katie Schaible 2 0-0 6, Kaitlynne Allen 3 2-2 8, Averie Markel 1 1-2 3, Claire Bartz 3 10-12 16, Abbey Krugh 5 1-1 15. Totals: 17 19-25 59.

Niles	**8**	**11**	**10**	**14**	**— 43**
Edwa	**7**	**24**	**8**	**20**	**— 59**

3-point goals – Niles 6 (Patterson 5, Palmer), Edwardsburg 6 (Schaible 2, Krugh 4). Total fouls – Niles 17, Edwardsburg 11. Fouled out – Palmer (N). Technical fouls – none.
Records – Edwardsburg 16-1, Niles 8-9.

WATERVLIET 52, LAWTON 41

Wat	**16**	**15**	**7**	**14**	**— 52**
Lawt	**8**	**12**	**13**	**7**	**— 41**

Records – Watervliet 5-12, Lawton 0-17.

HARTFORD 39, MARCELLUS 38

MARCELLUS (38)
J. Small 0 1-2 1, A. Daugherty 2 3-4 7, E. Holmes 3 0-0 8, L. Hoops 0 0-3 0, S. Lowery 10 0-0 22, R. Mihills 0 0-2 0. Totals: 15 4-9 38.
HARTFORD (39)
M. Nelson 3 4-4 11, J. Galvan 1 0-0 3, D. Rodarte 2 0-2 4, V. Delarosa 3 0-0 6, A. Snodgrass 54-10 14, S. De Diego 0 1-4 1. Totals: 14 9-20 38.

Marc	**4**	**9**	**10**	**15**	**— 38**
Hart	**5**	**12**	**6**	**16**	**— 39**

3-point goals – Hartford 2 (Nelson, Galvan), Marcellus 4 (Holmes 2, Lowery 2). Total fouls – Marcellus 16, Hartford 14. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none.
Records – Hartford 8-6 SW10, 10-6 ; Marcellus 4-10, 7-10.

BOYS SWIMMING

ST. JOSEPH 100, KALAMAZOO CENTRAL 77

200 Medley Relay – St. Joseph (Jonah Cox, Thomas Chen, Luke Crawford, Nathan Barfuss) 1:53.04; 200 freestyle – Owen Faulkner (SJ) 1:59.56; 200 IM – Brandon Burrow (SJ) 2:20.14; 50 Freestyle – Andrew Moyer (SJ) 23.08; Diving – Jacob Maynard (SJ) 210.80; 100 Butterfly – Ayden Moyer (SJ) 56.66; 100 Freestyle – Burrow (SJ) 54.93; 500 Freestyle – Jacob Haunhorst (SJ) 5:32.98; 200 Freestyle Relay – K Central 1:38.76; 100 Backstroke – Ayden Moyer (SJ) 57.77; 100 Breaststroke – Andre Soisson (KC) 1:19.32; 400 Freestyle Relay – K Central 3:59.51.

BOYS BASKETBALL

BENTON HARBOR 114, MUSKEGON HEIGHTS 36

BENTON HARBOR (114)
Kentrell Pullian 7 3-3 20, Quindarius Davis 10 4-4 24, Delricco Gillespie 3 1-2 8, William Suggs 1 3-3 6, Trucel Singleton 7 1-2 18, Daniel Moore 3 0-0 8, Carlos Johnson 7 3-3 18, Joe Johnson 1 0-0 2, Tyler Meeks 1 0-0 2, Greg Cooper 3 0-0 6, Louis Johnson 1 0-0 2. Totals: 44 15-17 114.
MUSKEGON HEIGHTS (36)
D. Totten 1 1-3 3, B. Spencer 3 0-0 6, J. Edwards 5 2-2 14, N. Howard 1 1-2 3, J. Moore 1 0-0 2, D. Williams 4 0-0 8. Totals: 15 4-7 36.

B. Harbor	**29**	**33**	**29**	**23**	**— 114**
M. Heights	**12**	**9**	**8**	**7**	**— 36**

3-point goals – Benton Harbor 11 (Pullian 3, Singleton 3, Moore 2, Gillespie, Suggs, C. Johnson), Muskegon Heights 2 (Edwards 2). Total fouls – Benton Harbor 8, Muskegon Heights 13. Fouled out – Howard (MH). Technical fouls – none. Rebounds – C. Johnson (BH) 10, Gillespie (BH) 7. Assists – Johnson (BH) 7. Steals – Pullian (BH) 5.
Records – Benton Harbor 16-1, Muskegon Heights 3-11.

MISHAWAKA (IND.) 59, ST. JOSEPH 38

MISHAWAKA (59)
R. Braiton 2 1-2 7, C. Williams 1 1-4 3, T. Johnson 7 0-1 14, M. Yohe 1 2-2 5, S. Thomas 3 3-4 10, D. Parker 2 0-0 4, N. Hoopingarner 2 1-1 5, A. Boggs 4 1-4 9, R. Kinds 1 0-0 2. Totals: 23 9-18 59.
ST. JOSEPH (38)
Luke Hedstrom 5 0-0 12, Josh Terry 1 0-0 2, Nick Borre 2 1-2 5, Conner Wright 1 1-1 3, Brennen Kerns 6 2-2 16. Totals: 15 2-5 38.

Mishawaka	**24**	**17**	**11**	**7**	**— 59**
St. Joe	**11**	**4**	**11**	**12**	**— 38**

3-point goals – St. Joseph 4 (Hedstrom 2, Kerns 2), Mishawaka 4 (Braiton 2, Yohe, Thomas). Rebounds – St. Joseph 17 (Jeremiah Sterling 4). Assists – St. Joseph 5. Total fouls – St. Joseph 11, Mishawaka 7. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none.
Records – St. Joseph 5-11, Mishawaka 10-9.

CENTREVILLE 50, DECATUR 45

DECATUR (45)
Ben Cerven 1 0-0 3, Hunter Slavings 2 1-2 5, Colin Warkentien 3 0-2 8, Roy Dear 3 0-0 7, Ethan Makowski 2 0-1 4, Jake Mroczek 6 6-6 18. Totals: 17 7-11 45.
CENTREVILLE (50)
Sam Todd 3 0-2 6, 7 8-8 25, Mason Lemmings 0 1-2 1, Dustin Schwenk 5 0-1 10, Matt Lorencz 2 0-1 2, Tyler Swanwick 2 2-4 6.Totals: 18 11-18 50.

Dec	**17**	**5**	**13**	**5**	**— 45**
Cent	**17**	**10**	**13**	**5**	**— 50**

3-point field goals – Centreville 3 (Gleaton 3), Decatur 4 (Warkentien 2, Cerven, Dear). Totals fouls – Centreville 13, Decatur 14. Technical fouls – none.
Records – Decatur 2-11 SW10, 3-12 ; Centreville 11-3, 12-5.

EAU CLAIRE 78, WHITE PIGEON 59

EAU CLAIRE (78)
K. Taylor 5 3-5 13, J. Gomez 2 0-0 4, M. Hackney 5 0-0 12, D. Holmes 1 2-3 4, T. Murphy 6 1-1 13, D. Travis 8 3-4 19, D. Evans 4 2-2 10, M. Moore 1 1-3 3. Totals: 32 11-18 78.
WHITE PIGEON (59)
Carper 0 0-2 0, Kemp 8 2-2 18, Hollingsworth 1 0-0 3, Murphy 2 0-0 4, Bontmagen 3 0-0 8, D. Jackson 9 2-2 26. Totals: 21 4-6 59.

E Claire	**19**	**12**	**27**	**20**	**— 78**
W Pigeon	**19**	**10**	**9**	**19**	**— 59**

3-point goals – Eau Claire 2 (Hackney), W Pigeon 9 (Jackson 6, Bontmagen 2, Hollingsworth). Total fouls – Eau Claire 14, White Pigeon 13. Fouled out – Murphy (WP). Technical fouls – none.
Records – Eau Claire 8-6 SW10, 9-7; White Pigeon 6-8, 6-9.

MISHAWAKA MARIAN (IND.) 54, LAKESHORE 38

Lakeshore scoring — JJ Bushu 14, Ben Brower 10, Dylan Clem 7.

Lakeshore	**3**	**11**	**14**	**10**	**— 38**
Marian	**16**	**9**	**12**	**21**	**— 54**

Records – Lakeshore 13-3, Marian 15-4.
Complete results unavailable.

COUNTRYSIDE 77, LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC 59

Countryside scoring — Charles Booker 6, Lamarion Gordon 9, Jamere Matlock 26, Victor Norris 10, Sam Rollins 9, Elisha Smith 1, Brandon Buchanan 5, Jeffery Brown 9, Jay Powell 2.
Catholic scoring – Max Allen 7, Vincent Ireland 7, Diego Nerio 5, Nathaniel Green 1, Jacob Koenig 18, Matt Rochefort 9, Jake Jozwiak 2, Jonathan Jollay 10.
Records – Countryside 7-5 BCS White, 7-8 ; Catholic 2-11, 2-12.
Complete results unavailable.

HARTFORD 60, MARCELLUS 54

Hartford scoring — Aaron Sinclair 23, Kaden Johnson 13.
Records – Hartford 7-7 SW10, 8-8 ; Marcellus 11-3, 12-4.
Complete results unavailable.

BEES

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"We held them to a four-point second quarter, which was huge for us."

The second half was a back-and-forth affair, with neither team willing to give an inch. Hunter Adams' acrobatic layup put Bridgman up 44-43 in the fourth quarter.

A few moments later, back-to-back Henry Branch 3-pointers gave Bridgman a 51-46 lead, its largest since the first quarter.

"I thought we shot well," Miller said. "I thought we were resilient. I was disappointed with our rebounding. It's the first time we've been outrebounded all year."

But the Bucks refused to quit, with a Chris Young putback cutting Bridgman's lead to 53-51 with just over two minutes to play. Young's basket was the last made field goal of the game, as both teams offenses ground to a halt in the closing minutes.

The Bucks weren't able to get over the hump.

"We played hard," McBeth said. "They hit a few big threes in that fourth quarter. The kids played their butts off and that's all you can ask for."

Chris Young led Buchanan with a game-high 21 points, while Logan Carson scored 14 and Gavin Fazi added 10.

The win places Bridgman (5-2, 12-4) in second place in the BCS Red ahead of its home game against Parchment on Friday.

"We're still in the hunt a little bit," Miller said. "We're just trying to get ready for Parchment on Friday. That's all that we're worried about."

Buchanan (4-3 BCS Red, 12-3) will host conference leader Brandywine (6-1, 14-1) on Friday.

"We have a big game on Friday," McBeth said. "We can't worry about this one too much. We've got to get ready for Brandywine on Friday night."

BRIDGMAN 55, BUCHANAN 51

BRIDGMAN (55)
Hunter Adams 3 5-7 11, Jackson Schmaltz 2 5-6 11, Jayce Warren 4 1-3 9, Henry Branch 3 0-0 9, Luke Blesy 2 3-6 8, Nate Necas 2 0-1 4, Don Necas 1 0-0 3. Totals: 17 14-23 55.
BUCHANAN (51)
Chris Young 8 4-6 21, Logan Carson 6 2-2 14, Gavin Fazi 3 4-5 10, Ryan Young 1 1-2 3, Brad VanOverberghe 1 0-0 2, Levi Zelmer 0 1-2 1. Totals: 19 11-12 51.

Bridgman	**21**	**4**	**14**	**16**	**– 55**
Buchanan	**15**	**15**	**11**	**10**	**– 51**

3-point goals – Bridgman 7 (Branch 3, Schmaltz 2, Blesy, Necas), Buchanan 1 (C. Young). Total fouls – Buchanan 17, Bridgman 13. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.
Records – Bridgman 5-2 BCS Red, 12-4; Buchanan 4-3 BCS Red, 12-3.

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NFL looks to beef up Rooney Rule

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

Pro football is discovering that the spirit of the Rooney Rule is being violated.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell made that a point of emphasis in his state of the league speech during Super Bowl week. So count on Goodell finding ways to more strongly implement the policy that requires teams to interview minority candidates for coaching and executive positions.

Those interviews still have been taking place, but, to use a word that has taken on highly negative connotations but often is applied nowadays, are they simply tokenism?

Goodell recognized that could be true when he said in January:

"Clearly, we are not where we want to be on this level. We have a lot of work that's gone into not only the Rooney Rule but our policies overall. It's clear we need to change and do something different."

Noting how few minorities are in coaching and general manager jobs right now – the only head coaches are Ron Rivera, Anthony Lynn, Mike Tomlin and Brian Flores, and the GMs are Chris Grier and Andrew Berry – Goodell said:

Two of the people the league is likely to listen to are Hall of Fame coach Tony Dungy and Steelers owner Art Rooney II, whose father, Dan, championed the Rooney Rule.

"The whole point of the rule was to slow down the process, take your time, get the best candidate and make a decision. But there's so much pressure," Dungy said.

Art Rooney cautions that there aren't likely any magical fixes that will immediately improve adherence to the spirit of the rule. He believes looking at history and how the rule has worked in the past can be a helpful tool.

hp FOOD

Make dozens of muffins in minutes

Easy DIY baking mix leaves room for endless improvisation

By ROBIN MATHER
Chicago Tribune

If your morning routine includes a coffee shop stop to grab coffee and a muffin, you need this story.

If your dinner menu's looking a little uninspired, you also need this story.

We have a way for you to have your muffin and eat it, too – any time of day, any way you want it. It'll help your wallet, too.

Whether you want sweet, chockablock with fruit and nuts, or savory, redolent with cheese and chiles or other savory ingredients, this baking mix lets you have muffins in minutes.

The baking mix is also a boon to have on hand for last-minute baking tasks, such as when your child informs you at 9 p.m. that tomorrow is her day to take a treat, or when friends pop by unexpectedly.

Store the mix at room temperature and make up a batch whenever you have a few minutes. Then freeze the cooled muffins in individual portions for quick grab-and-go snacks. It's better to freeze the baked muffins than to freeze the batter.

Having the mix on hand allows for easy improvisation. Add a little vanilla to the batter if you're going for sweet muffins. Top the muffins before baking with a simple streusel – 3 tablespoons flour, 3 tablespoons brown sugar, 2 tablespoons softened butter – if you like. Or, while the muffins bake, you may wish to make a simple glaze or icing from powdered sugar, milk and vanilla to gild them when they've cooled.

Some sweet add-in combinations that I especially like include:

■ 3/4 cup toasted coconut + 3/4 cup diced pineapple + 1 tablespoon rum extract

■ 3/4 cup diced apple or pear + 3/4 cup chopped dates

■ 1 cup peanut butter chips + 1/4 cup powdered peanut butter + 1/4 cup cocoa

■ 3/4 cup mashed banana + 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

■ 1 cup mashed pumpkin or butternut squash + 2 teaspoons cinnamon + 1 teaspoon nutmeg + 1 teaspoon ginger

■ 1 cup fresh blueberries (toss these with the dry ingredients so they won't sink to the bottom of the muffins) + 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest

On the other side of the fence, savory muffins match up well with simple suppers of soup, stew or chili. Some savory add-in combinations that have pleased me include:

See **MUFFINS**, page B5

Photo provided

Mexican Chicken and Corn Street Tacos are featured in "Cook Once, Eat All Week."

Gretchen McKay / Pittsburgh Post-Gazette / TNS

Teriyaki Pork Stir-Fry is shown.

This teriyaki pork dish is fast, simple and gluten-free

By GRETCHEN McKAY
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

It can be tough to get kids, along with some picky grownups, to eat string beans.

But char the colorful veggie in a hot skillet, toss it with ground pork in a sweet-and-savory sauce, and watch the beans disappear – maybe even before the dish makes it onto the table.

This tasty stir-fry is super simple and super quick – it will take longer to boil or steam the rice it's served alongside than to cook the meat and beans.

I used homemade teriyaki sauce to make it gluten-free, but it's perfectly acceptable to substitute bottled sauce.

Red pepper flakes add a touch of heat, cutting the sweetness of the sauce.

Don't forget the pickled jalapenos for a crunchy finish.

Teriyaki Pork Stir-Fry

Makes 4 servings.

For the pork:

1 pound ground pork
2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon peanut or vegetable oil
2-3 large handfuls thin green beans (about 12 to 16 ounces)
Crushed red pepper flakes
Sesame seeds, for garnish
Sliced pickled jalapenos, for garnish
Cooked white or brown rice, for serving

For the sauce:

1/2 cup gluten-free soy sauce
2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons maple syrup
1-inch knob fresh ginger, peeled and finely minced
Pinch red pepper flakes
1-2 tablespoons water, or more to taste
A few drops toasted sesame oil
2 teaspoons cornstarch

Brown ground pork and garlic in large nonstick skillet over medium heat, stirring often, until meat is no longer pink.

Season to taste with salt and pepper, then remove from pan to bowl and wipe pan clean with a paper towel.

Heat oil in pan, then add beans and stir-fry until tender and slightly charred, 4-5 minutes. Add meat back in pan and season with a pinch or two of chili flakes.

Make the teriyaki sauce by stirring together soy sauce, honey, maple syrup, ginger, red pepper flakes and water. Taste and adjust seasoning to make it sweeter or spicier by adding more water, pepper flakes, maple syrup or honey.

Add a few drops of sesame oil, then whisk in cornstarch.

Add half the teriyaki sauce to the pan with meat and beans, tossing to combine. Add more if you like a saucy stir fry.

Serve immediately, spooned over cooked rice. Garnish with sesame seeds and sliced pickled jalapeno.

– Recipe by Gretchen McKay

BREAKFASTS AND BANQUETS

Wings: American Legion Post 331, 4241 Legion St., Bridgman, will hold a wing night from 5-7:30 p.m. today. Cost varies. Each meal includes celery, and barbecue, ranch, blue cheese or hot sauce.

Burgers: American Legion Post 518, 4789 Weechik Road, New Troy, will have a hamburger night from 5-8 p.m. today. Cost is $5 for a burger, fries, salad and dessert. Cost is $6 for a burger, onion rings, salad and dessert. Cost is $3.50 for salad and dessert only.

Burgers and taco salad: The Van Buren Sportsmen's Club, 54630 County Road 687, Hartford, will serve dinner from 5-8 p.m. today. Burgers start at $3. Taco salads start at $5.75. For more information, call 621-3994 after 2 p.m.

Community dinner: Fairplain Presbyterian Church, 210 W. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, will serve a free community dinner at 6 p.m. today. Guests should enter through the back of the church.

Burgers and brats: The D.A.N.K., 2651 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor, will serve burgers for $3, brats for $1.50, hot dogs and sides from 6-8 p.m. today. Drink specials will be available.

Burgers: American Legion Post 105, 1645 Paw Paw Ave., Benton Harbor, will hold a burger night from 5-8 p.m. Thursday. A 1/3-pound burger and fries starts at $4.25.

Burgers: American Legion Post 331, 4241 Legion St., Bridgman, will serve any-way-you-want-it burgers from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday. The meal includes coleslaw, fries or onion rings and a pickle. Cost is $6 for a single, or $10 for a double.

Spaghetti dinner: The Coloma Lioness Club is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Riverside United Methodist Church, 4401 Fikes Road, Coloma. Donations will fund two $1,000 scholarships for Coloma students. Dinner includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and desserts. You choose the amount to donate. Carry-out orders will be available.

Fish fry: The Van Buren Sportsmen's Club, 54630 County Road 687, Hartford, will hold a fish fry from 5-8 p.m. Friday. The menu includes fish, chicken and shrimp. Prices start at $7.50. Salad bar is included. For more information, call 621-3994 after 2 p.m.

Fish fry: American Legion Post 344, 402 N. Cleveland Ave., Galien, will have an all-you-can-eat fish and chicken strip fry from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. The menu includes fish, chicken strips, coleslaw, rolls and coffee. Cost is $10 for adults, $5 for ages 5-10, and free for those younger than 5. Carry-out meals will be available. There also will be a bake sale.

Molino Tortilleria continues to grow, opens Sawyer location

Jane Ammeson

The last year has been a whirlwind for Molino Tortilleria – from making tortillas in their home kitchen to the recent opening of their 2,500-square-foot retail and production space in Sawyer.

I met owners Aaron and Christie Harris, and Christie's son, Ethan Estes, when they were selling tortillas at the St. Joseph farmers market. If you don't get there early, you might not get any.

They hand make each one, which is a lengthy process. The Mexican heritage corn arrives dried and sorted by variety – Blue Bolita Corn, which produces a blue-hued tortilla, red corn known as Bolita Belatove, and Olotillo Armarillo corn for the yellow tortillas.

The family processes the corn by cooking the kernels, then soaking them overnight in powdered lime minerals. After that, the kernels are ground by hand using volcanic rocks, then mixed with water to create the tortillas.

Christie Harris also makes Mexican-style sweets – pan dulce – that were favorites at the farmers market.

"We're excited," says Aaron, who offered thanks to those who had visited them at the farmers market and on Friday nights in Benton Harbor when food trucks were gathering to sell street food.

Molino Tortilleria is located at 5846 Sawyer Road. You can peruse their offerings online at www.molinotortillas.com.

Their tortillas are great just heated up. I do mine in a very hot cast iron skillet, flipping them after about a minute on one side.

For those buying tortillas, here's a fun recipe to try:

Mexican Chicken and Corn Street Tacos

Makes 4 servings.

For the chipotle-lime dressing:

Solid coconut cream from 13.5-ounce can full-fat coconut milk
1/4 cup fresh lime juice, about 2 limes
1/3 cup packed fresh cilantro, leaves and stems
3 cloves garlic
1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt

For the slaw:

Chipotle-lime dressing
1 cup kale, sliced

For the chicken filling:

2 tablespoons salted butter
3 cups chicken breast, cubed and baked
2 cups cooked fresh corn kernels or frozen corn kernels
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice (about 1 lime)
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon coarse sea salt

For the tacos:

8 regular-size corn tortillas
1 cup crumbled Cotija cheese (omit for dairy-free)
4 lime wedges

To make the chipotle-lime dressing: Place all the ingredients in a food processor, blender or smaller bullet-sized smoothie blender. Blend until smooth.

If the sauce is too thick, add 1 teaspoon of water or lime juice at a time until you have a consistency you like.

Enjoy immediately, or store in the refrigerator for later. Store in a sealed container for up to 7 days.

To make the slaw: In a small bowl, toss the kale with the chipotle-lime dressing until it is fully coated. Set aside.

To make the chicken filling: Heat the butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat.

Once melted, add the chicken and corn, and cook for 2 minutes to warm through.

Add the lime juice, chili powder, garlic powder, paprika and salt, and toss to coat the chicken and corn. Saute for 3 to 4 minutes, until the chicken is slightly browned.

To assemble the tacos: Place a small skillet over medium-high heat.

Once hot, put one tortilla in the pan at a time and warm for about 30 seconds per side, until the tortilla is pliable and begins to brown slightly.

Repeat with the remaining tortillas.

To keep the tortillas warm while you are heating the remaining ones, you can wrap them in a kitchen towel.

To assemble the tacos, add the chicken and kale slaw to a warmed tortilla, and garnish with Cotija cheese. Serve with lime wedges.

– Recipe from "Cook Once, Eat All Week" by Cassy Joy Garcia

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Spices give this soup extra healing powers

By CHRIS ROSS
The San Diego Union-Tribune

In her new book, "Power Spicing," nutrition expert Rachel Beller builds a convincing case that spices, herbs and blends can decrease your risk of illnesses such as heart disease and cancer.

A registered dietitian nutritionist, Beller says she combed through research to create the book's 60 recipes that are loaded with antioxidants.

The book has a chapter that details the health benefits of various spices, from allspice to turmeric. There also are recipes for her DIY spice blends, which capitalize on what she calls "spice synergy," the idea that certain spices boost each other's nutritional benefits.

This soup recipe is good to have on hand during flu season. Beller says she makes it any time a family member is under the weather. "With heavy doses of turmeric, ginger and garlic, it's ridiculously healing and anti-inflammatory," she writes in the introduction to the recipe. And, she says, adding a little cayenne pepper will also help clear sinuses.

Immunity Turmeric Soup

Makes 12 cups.

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped (about 2 cups)
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 medium carrot, sliced into 1/4-inch rounds (about 1 cup)
2 celery stalks, chopped
1 tablespoon ground turmeric
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon cayenne
8 cups low-sodium vegetable broth
1 medium cauliflower head, cored and cut into florets (about 4 cups)
2 medium zucchini, diced (3 to 4 cups)
4 cups chopped kale or Swiss chard (9-10 ounces)
2 cups cooked cannellini beans, rinsed and drained

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. When the oil is shimmering, add the onion and cook for 3 to 4 minutes, until softened. Add the garlic and cook 1 minute more.

Add the carrot and celery and cook for 3 minutes, allowing them to cook yet remain tender. Add the turmeric, ginger, black pepper and cayenne and stir until the vegetables are fully coated with the spices.

Increase the heat to medium-high, add the broth and bring the mixture to a boil. Once the mixture is boiling, reduce the heat to low and add cauliflower and zucchini. Cover the saucepan and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes, until the cauliflower is very tender.

Stir in the kale and cannellini beans and cook for 1 to 2 minutes more, until the greens are slightly wilted. Serve hot.

– Recipe from "Power Spicing" by Rachel Beller

MUFFINS

From page B4

■ 1 cup fresh or thawed frozen corn kernels + 1/2 cup shredded cheddar + 1/4 cup diced roasted chiles or 1 tablespoon chili powder + 2 teaspoons cumin

■ 1 cup diced brie (with rind removed) + 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

■ 1 cup thawed frozen chopped spinach + 1/2 cup crumbled feta + 2 teaspoons dried oregano + 1 teaspoon dried rosemary

■ 3/4 cup diced ham + 3/4 cup diced Swiss or Emmentaler cheese + 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper

■ 3/4 cup crumbled blue cheese + 3/4 cup cooked, crumbled bacon + 2 teaspoons sage

■ 1/2 cup pesto + 3/4 cup pine nuts + 1/2 cup grated Parmesan (sprinkle some of the cheese on top before baking)

Abel Uribe / Chicago Tribune / TNS

This muffin mix is a boon to have on hand for last-minute baking tasks.

Multiple Muffin Mix

Makes 4 batches, or about 36 large or 48 small muffins.

Keep this mix on hand for easy muffins in a jiffy. After mixing the ingredients, divide the batch into recipe-sized portions and store in 1 quart canning jars or zip-close quart bags. It keeps perfectly well at room temperature for several months. Whisk the dry ingredients for each batch to be sure they're well blended. The baking temperature instructions are a little unusual: If you put the muffins into a hot oven for a short time, they rise higher and look better. Then reducing the temp lets them continue to cook through.

For the baking mix:

7 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup whole-wheat flour or cornmeal
3 cups sugar: any combination of firmly packed brown sugar or white sugar
3 tablespoons baking powder
2 teaspoons salt

For each batch of 12 regular or 6 large muffins:

1 large egg, lightly beaten
1 cup milk
1/2 cup oil: melted coconut oil, canola oil or vegetable oil
2 teaspoons vanilla, for sweet muffins (optional)
2 3/4 cup baking mix (see above)

Add-ins:

Up to 1 1/2 cups any combination of fruit, vegetables, grated or diced cheese, baking chips, nuts or toasted coconut

To make the baking mix: In a large bowl, whisk together flours, sugar, baking powder and salt. Combine thoroughly and portion for storage.

At baking time, heat the oven to 400 degrees. Line the cavities of a muffin pan with paper liners.

Combine egg, milk and oil in a large bowl. Whisk to combine well. Add baking mix and your choice of add-ins; combine with 15 to 20 strokes. There will still be streaks of white showing and the batter will be lumpy. Do not overmix.

Fill the muffin cups three-quarters full with the batter. Bake for 10 minutes. Then reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center of a muffin comes out clean, 8 to 11 minutes more for regular-sized muffins, or 15 to 20 minutes more for large muffins.

Cool in the pan for 10 minutes before transferring muffins to a rack to finish cooling.

Once cool, the muffins can be individually frozen on a baking pan before transferring to zip-close bags for longer storage, up to 3 months. Thaw by microwaving for about a minute or allow them to thaw naturally at room temperature.

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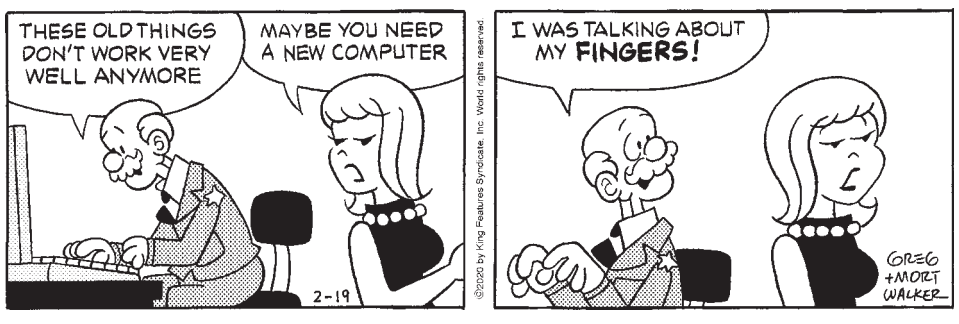
THESE OLD THINGS DON'T WORK VERY WELL ANYMORE
MAYBE YOU NEED A NEW COMPUTER
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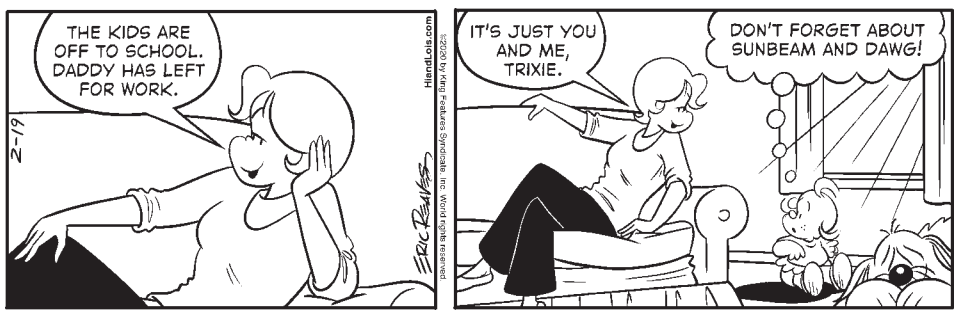
I WAS TALKING ABOUT MY FINGERS!
GREG + MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

BUMSTEAD, WOULD YOU RATHER WORK ON CONTRACTS OR REPORTS TODAY?
HMM...THAT'S A TOUGH CHOICE, BOSS
YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE A CHOICE, BUMSTEAD. I WAS ONLY MAKING CONVERSATION
SOME CONVERSATION!

HI & LOIS



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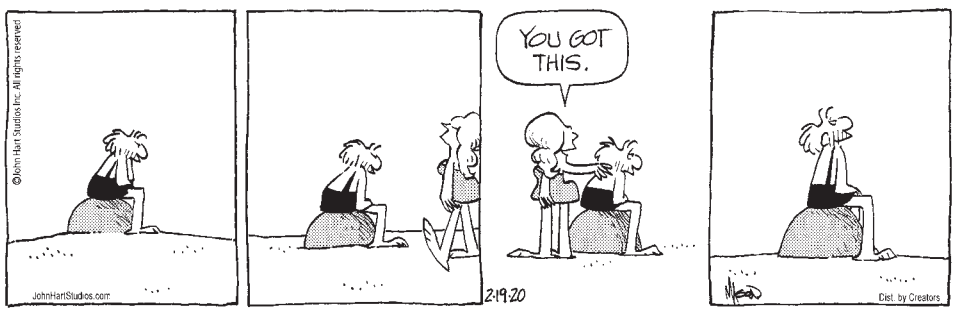
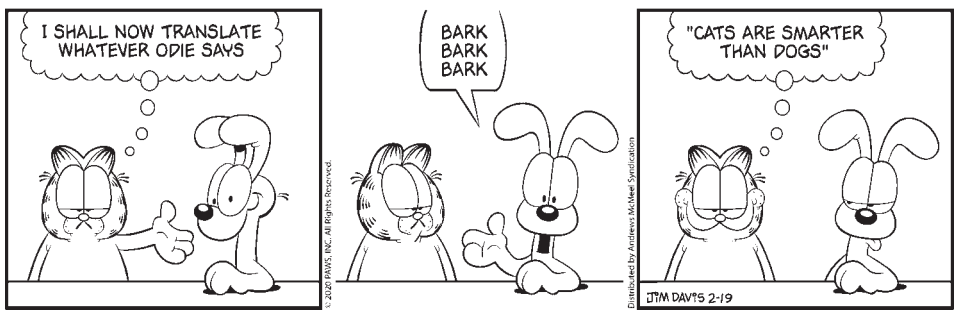


WIZARD OF ID

DILBERT

I'D LIKE TO HELP ON THE BLOCKCHAIN PROJECT TO BUILD MY SKILLS IN THAT AREA.
I DON'T LIKE IT WHEN PEOPLE LEARN NEW THINGS.
I... DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO THAT.
OH, GOOD. IT WORKED.

GARFIELD



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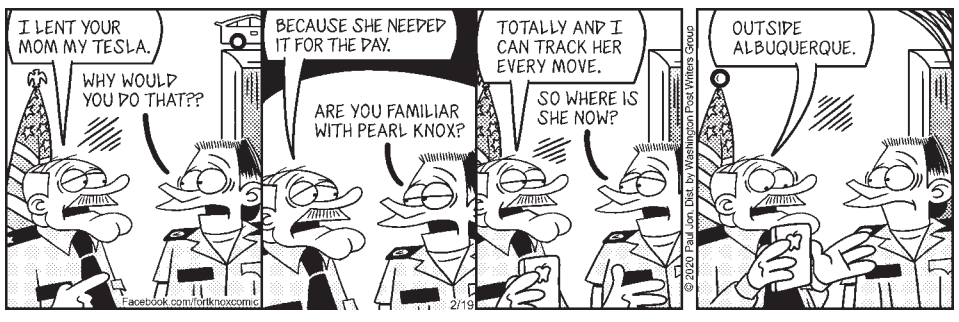
I LENT YOUR MOM MY TESLA.
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT??
BECAUSE SHE NEEDED IT FOR THE DAY.
ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH PEARL KNOX?
TOTALLY AND I CAN TRACK HER EVERY MOVE.
SO WHERE IS SHE NOW?
OUTSIDE ALBUQUERQUE.
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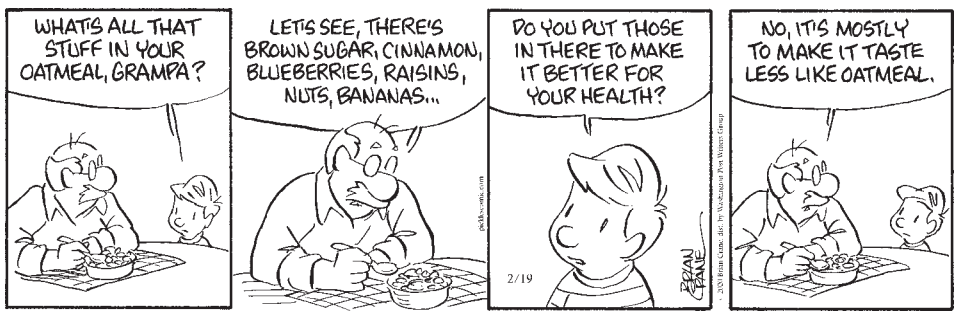
PICKLES


WHAT'S ALL THAT STUFF IN YOUR OATMEAL, GRAMPA?
LET'S SEE, THERE'S BROWN SUGAR, CINNAMON, BLUEBERRIES, RAISINS, NUTS, BANANAS...
DO YOU PUT THOSE IN THERE TO MAKE IT BETTER FOR YOUR HEALTH?
NO, IT'S MOSTLY TO MAKE IT TASTE LESS LIKE OATMEAL.
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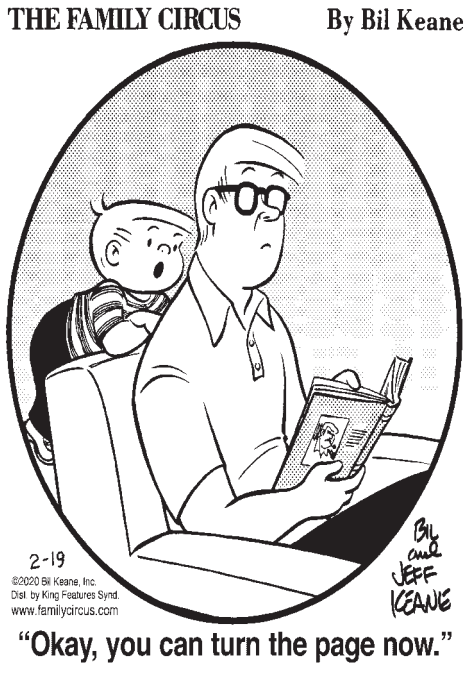
FAMILY CIRCUS



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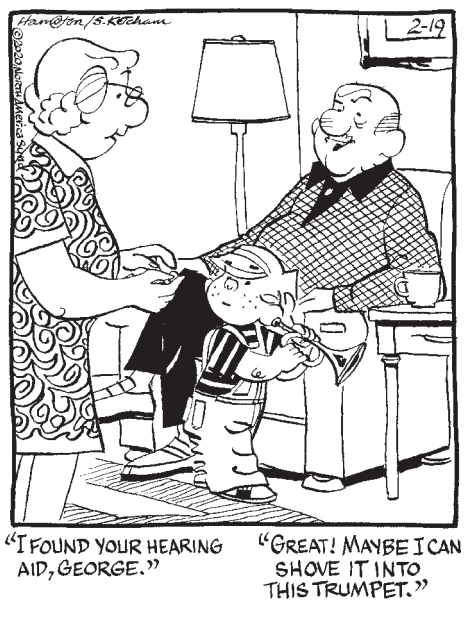
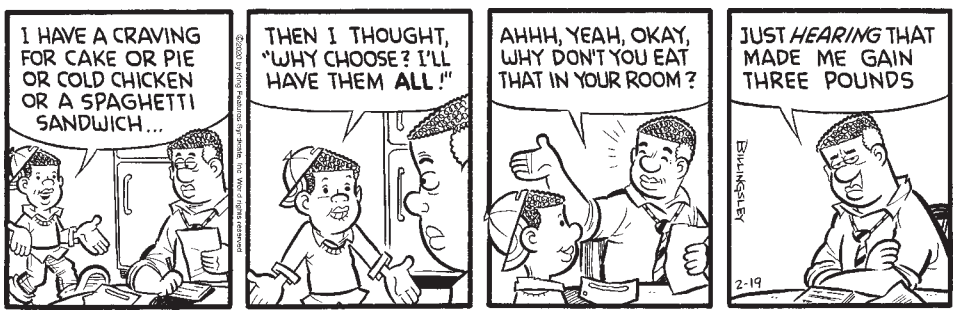


BABY BLUES

WHAT WILL YOU PUT ON YOUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL?
LOTS OF STUFF.
MOSTLY, I'LL POST VIDEOS OF ME TALKING ABOUT MOTHERHOOD IN A HUMOROUS WAY.
SO YOU'RE HIRING WRITERS?
I'M FUNNY, ZOE!
HAHAHA HAHA! GOOD ONE, MOM!

CURTIS


I HAVE A CRAVING FOR CAKE OR PIE OR COLD CHICKEN OR A SPAGHETTI SANDWICH...
THEN I THOUGHT, "WHY CHOOSE? I'LL HAVE THEM ALL!"
AHHH, YEAH, OKAY, WHY DON'T YOU EAT THAT IN YOUR ROOM?
JUST HEARING THAT MADE ME GAIN THREE POUNDS
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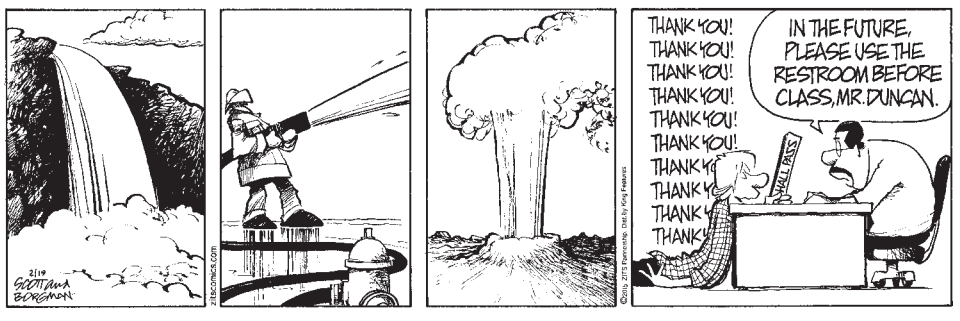
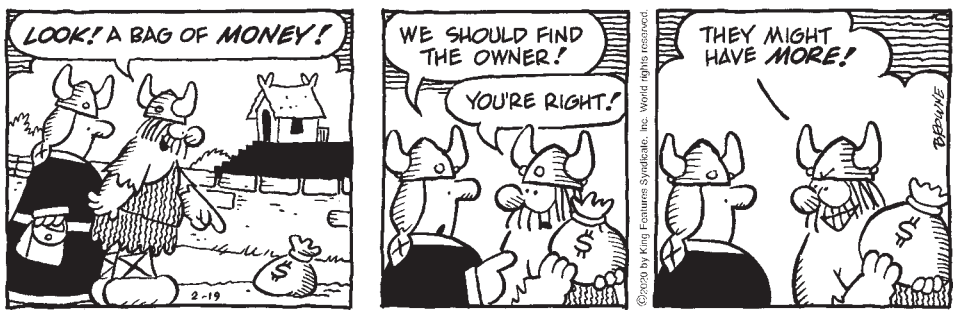
ZITS


THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
IN THE FUTURE, PLEASE USE THE RESTROOM BEFORE CLASS, MR. DUNCAN.
FAIL PASS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



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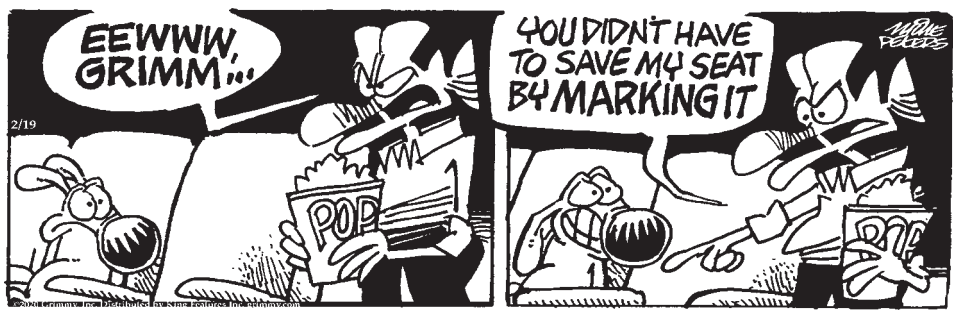

MUTTS

SALLY FORTH

I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS THE BEST TIME FOR ME TO TAKE A TRIP, JACKIE. I MEAN, I AM STILL LOOKING FOR WORK.
THAT'S WHAT MAKES THIS THE BEST TIME!
2-19
A JOB SEARCH, IS IN ITSELF, A FULL-TIME JOB. YOU NEED TO BREATHE A LITTLE! BESIDES, WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME WE JANSEN GIRLS WENT AWAY TOGETHER?
WHEN YOU RAN OFF AT AGE FIVE AND I HAD TO CHASE AFTER YOU.
ALMOST MADE IT TO THE END OF THE DRIVEWAY. ALMOST SAW THE WORLD.
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Description of Boat	Owner Name
29' Cruisers Power Boat	Todd
"Wanderlust"	Christensen
30' Becker "Smitten"	Ron Westerfield
32' West Sail "Black Dog"	Dave Halter
25' Catalina Sailboat	Josh Eads

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
HARTFORD TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN
MARCH 10, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

To the Qualified Electors of Hartford Township:
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in Hartford Township on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at
Hartford Township Hall, 61310 CR 687, Hartford, MI
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Presidential Primary Election is held to for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of President of the United States.
Democratic Candidates for President of the United States: Michael Bennet, Joe Biden, Michael R. Bloomberg, Cory Booker, Pete Buttigieg, Julian Castro, John Delaney, Tulsi Gabbard, Amy Klobuchar, Bernie Sanders, Joe Sestak, Tom Steyer, Elizabeth Warren, Marianne Williamson, Andrew Yang

Republican Candidates for President of the United States: Bill Weld, Mark Sanford, Donald J. Trump, Joe Walsh

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Van Buren County will be voting on the following millage proposals

Van Buren County Road Millage Renewal to continue to levy 0.9769 mill which as previously approved by the electors to fund road maintenance, repair and reconstruction, but which expired with the 2019 levy.

Van Buren County Public Transit Millage Renewal to continue to levy 0.2471 mill which was previously approved by the electors to fund public transportation services, but which expired with the 2019 levy.

Van Buren County Veteran Services Millage to levy 0.10 mill as a new additional millage, to provide funds for operations and services dedicated to veterans who have served honorably on active duty in the United States Armed Forces

PLEASE TAKE TONICE that Van Buren Intermediate School District will be voting on the following millage proposal

Van Buren Intermediate School District Special Education Millage to increase the current 3.3177 by .9 mill for the education of students with a disability

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Hartford Township Clerk's office, 61310 CR 687, Hartford, MI 49057, telephone 269/621-4658 ext 3. A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

The Township Clerk's office will be open from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM on Friday, March 6, 2020, for the deadline for requesting an absent voter ballot by mail. The Clerk's Office will also be open from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM on Saturday, March 7, 2020 for the purpose of issuing and receiving absentee voter ballots. Electors may vote by absentee ballot in person in the Clerk's office up to 4:00 PM, on Monday, March 9, 2020.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

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Hartford Township Clerk
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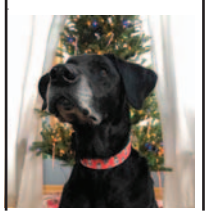

EMPLOYMENT

BOARD OF REVIEW PUBLIC NOTICE
KEELER TOWNSHIP
2020 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The Keeler Township March Board of Review for 2020 will be held at the Keeler Township Hall, 64121 Territorial Rd W., Hartford, MI 49057 on the following dates:

March 3rd, 2020 9:30 am –
Organizational Meeting – No Appeals
March 9th, 2020 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm &
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm = Appeal Hearing*
March 16th, 2020 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon
& 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm = Appeal Hearing*

Letters of protest will be accepted if received by March 16, 2020.
All residents and non-residents may protest by letter to the Board of Review.
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The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2020 are as follows:

Class Ratio	Factor	
*Agricultural	50.09%	.99820
*Residential	47.96%	1.04254
*Commercial	46.75%	1.06952
*Industrial	49.90%	1.00200
*Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice
The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon five (5) day notice to the Township Clerk.

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HARTFORD TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
2020
Hartford Township Board of Review will meet to hear appeals of the 2020 Assessments at:
Hartford Township Hall 61310 CR 687, Hartford, MI 49057
March 3rd 8:00 A.M. Organizational Meeting only. No appeals heard.
March 9th 2 P.M. To 5 P.M. & 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
March 17th 9:00 A.M. To 12:00 Noon & 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Residents and Non-residents may file letters of protest and must be
received by March 17th, 2020

Tentative	Ratio %	Factor
Agriculture	51.00	1.0200
Commercial	47.17	0.9434
Industrial	49.27	0.9854
Residential	47.12	0.9424
Personal	50.00	1.0000
C.P.I.	1.9%	

Assessments have been adjusted to result in an anticipated multiplier of 1.0000 for each class. With proposal A in effect the Taxable Values, excluding new construction and transfers of ownership are capped at the rate of inflation, 1.9%.

American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
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Contact:Julie L. Sweet, Clerk
61310 CR 687, Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-4658 ext. 3

Board of Review Members: Bob Kilburn, Doug Meachum and Randy Kime,
Ron Sefcik - Secretary of Board of Review
Assessor – William J. Kays

Julie L. Sweet
Hartford Township Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE

LaPorte County Government is currently seeking an Executive Director for Community Corrections. This position is responsible administering and directing daily operations and personnel of the Community Corrections Center and overseeing all components of the Community Corrections programs. Qualified applicants must have Baccalaureate Degree in Business Administration, Management or related field or Associate Degree and at least five (5) years experience in Criminal Justice field. Complete job description and employment application are available at www.laportecounty.org/employment or Human Resources, 555 Michigan Ave, Ste. 101, LaPorte. EOE M/F/V/D

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years of age with a
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driver's license and
a good driving
record. Must be
available to work
day shift hours
Monday through Friday with some evenings, weekends and
holidays required.
The position is seasonal from March
through November.

Public Notice
Hartford Township
61310 CR 687
Hartford, MI 49057

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary has been scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Township Hall at 61310 CR 687, Hartford, MI 49057.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the vote's cast at the election meet the requirements of law.

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act,
Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, MCL41.72a (2) and (3), and
the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Hartford Township Board will provide necessary reasonable
auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and
audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to
individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 1 days' notice to the
Julie Sweet, Acting Clerk for the Special Election.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should
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Julie Sweet
61310 County Road 687
Hartford, MI 49057
269-621-4658 ext 3
hartfordtownshipclerk@gmail.com

GENERAL HELP

Bridge Tender – Street Dept
Responsible for opening and closing bascule bridge on an established schedule and ensuring that all boat traffic passing through bridge is accounted for. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Must be available to work a rotating shift between the hours of 6:00AM - 12:00 midnight Monday – Sunday, including holidays. The position is seasonal from March through October, with an average of 25 hours per week.

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the position and
work overtime. Must
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and equipment
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responsibly. Must
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the availability to
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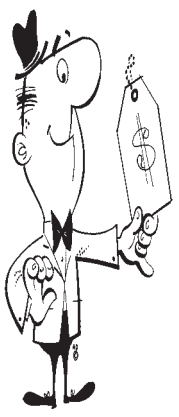

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By EUGENIA LAST

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Have confidence, let your intuition take charge and give your imagination free rein. Engage in endeavors that stimulate your mind and encourage you to make positive changes. Use your talents, insight and energy to achieve your dreams, hopes and wishes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you want to make a change, take care of the details yourself and don't expect others to help. Change begins within, not by following others or letting them do things for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you study whatever situation you face, you'll come up with a plan that will encourage positive growth, individuality and recognition. An unexpected offer will promote greater prosperity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep plugging away at whatever job or responsibility you take on. Knowing that you are giving your best will help counter any negativity you face. Reward yourself with something special.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A steady pace forward will do the trick. Have a destination in mind, but be willing to take a detour if you think you might gain insight, experience or knowledge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Look at the facts, assess whatever situation you face and be reluctant to share personal information. Personal improvement and being health conscious are encouraged. Walk away from indulgent behavior.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Promotions or career changes will turn out better than anticipated. A positive attitude will encourage others to hear you out and help you get what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Spend less, save more and be reluctant to make a lateral move or invest in someone other than yourself. Update your image and spend time with a loved one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you socialize, the people you meet will give you insight into how best to use your skills to excel. If you mix business with pleasure, good things will transpire.

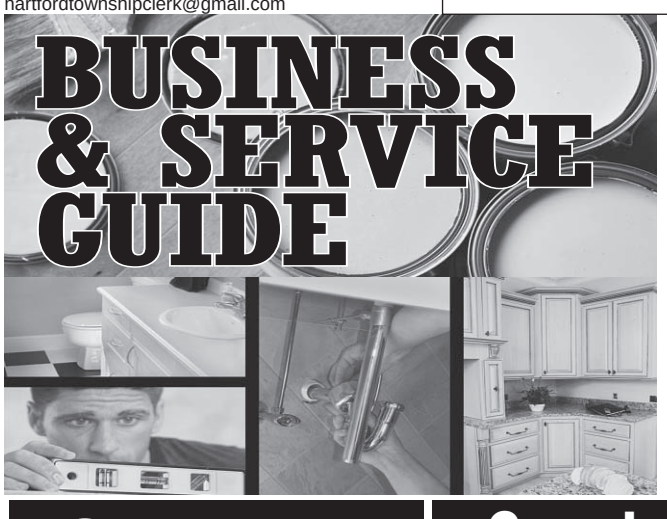
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Take one step at a time. Expect to meet with opposition or be forced to deal with a demanding individual. Make plans to do something that will ease stress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Stick close to home and to the people who feed your imagination and creativity. Strive to make adjustments that will add to your happiness. Take control and live life your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your emotional well-being will be threatened by someone who tries to meddle in your affairs. Fix up your living space to suit your personal needs. Fitness is encouraged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make a decision and act on it. Don't leave anything to chance. Take control, make things happen and forge ahead. Your life will only be as good as you make it.

BUSINESS & SERVICE GUIDE



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February 2020

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Our 4th Annual

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The Herald-Palladium recently partnered with area classrooms to educate students about print advertising!

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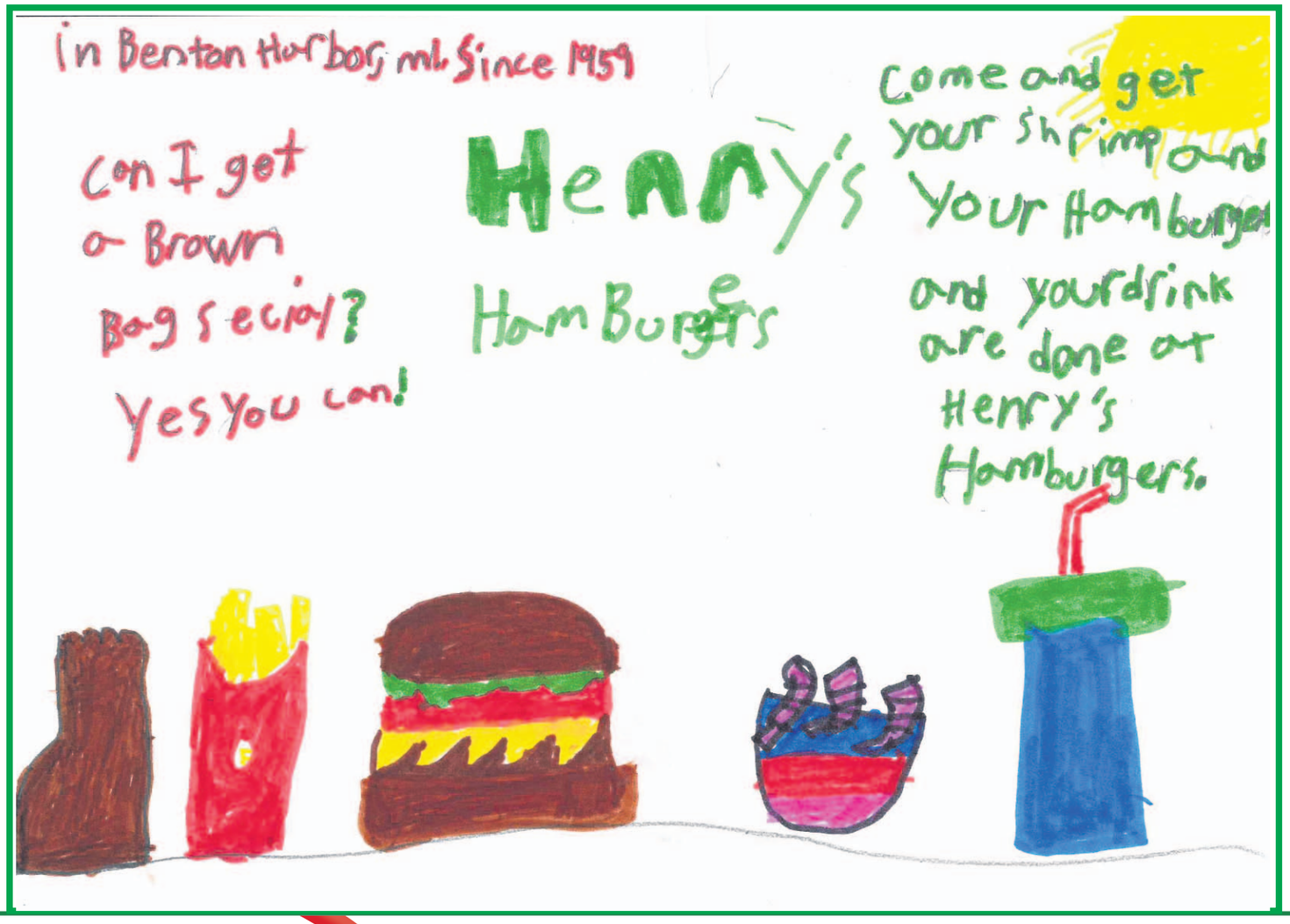
Holden James

Eau Claire Lybrook Elementary . Ms. Hart . 4th Grade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Nolan Huth

Buchanan Moccasin Elementary . Ms. Amiel . 4th Grade

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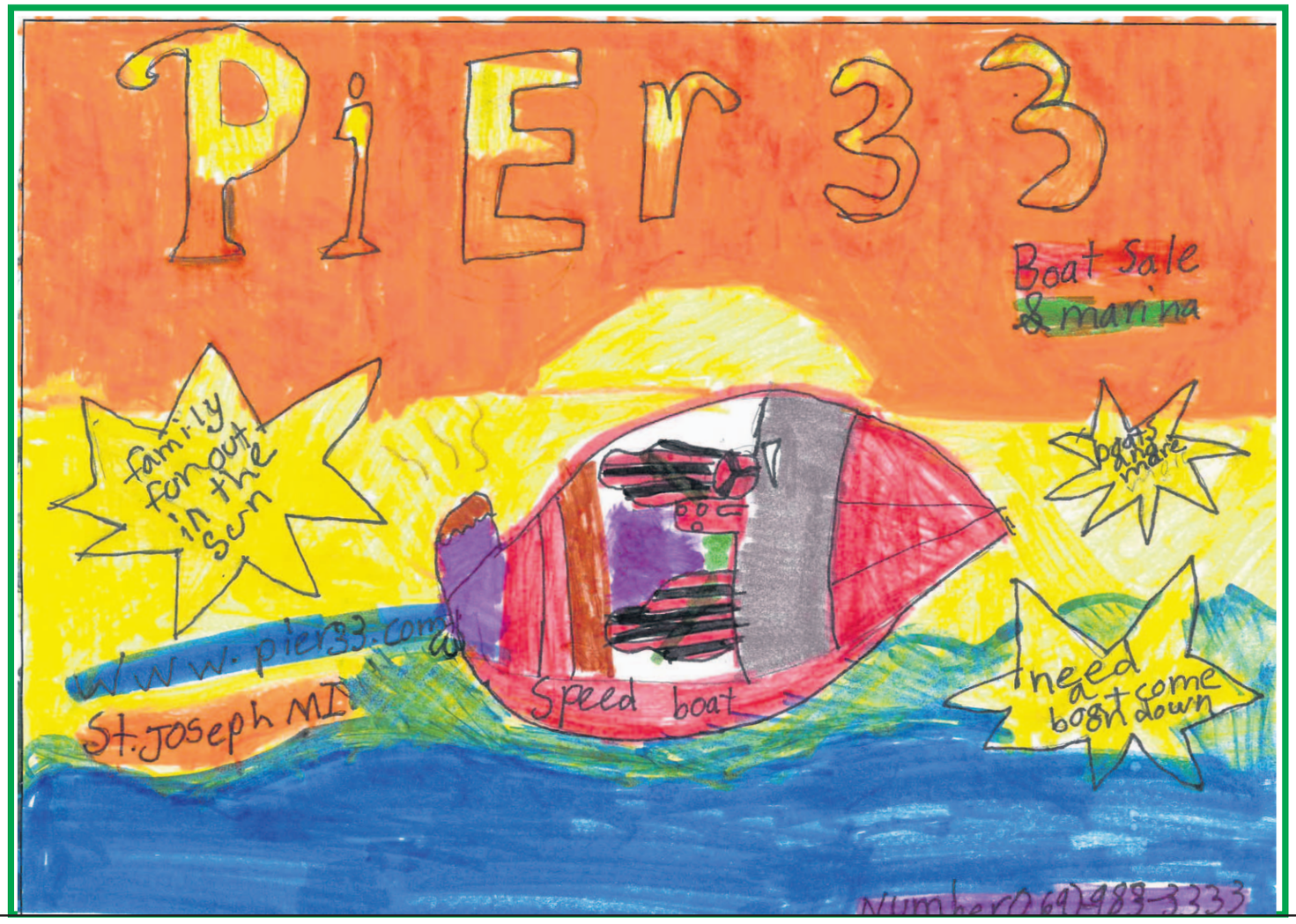
Layla Salem

St Joseph Lincoln Elementary . Ms. Peek . 3rd Grade



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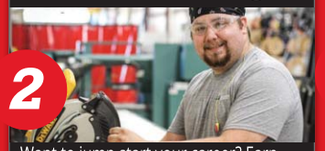

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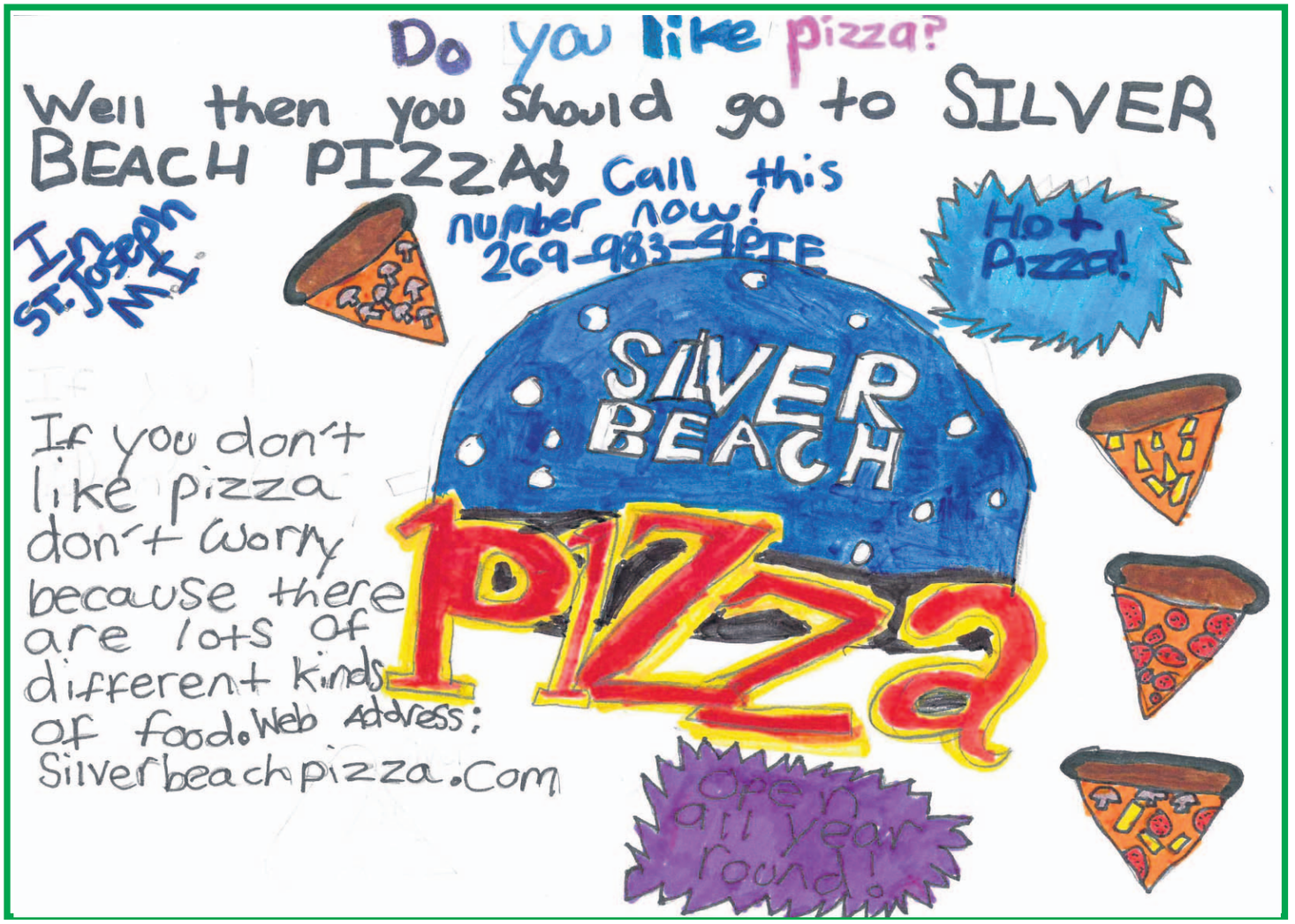
Samantha Hosbein

St Joseph Lincoln Elementary • Ms. Ettinger • 3rd Grade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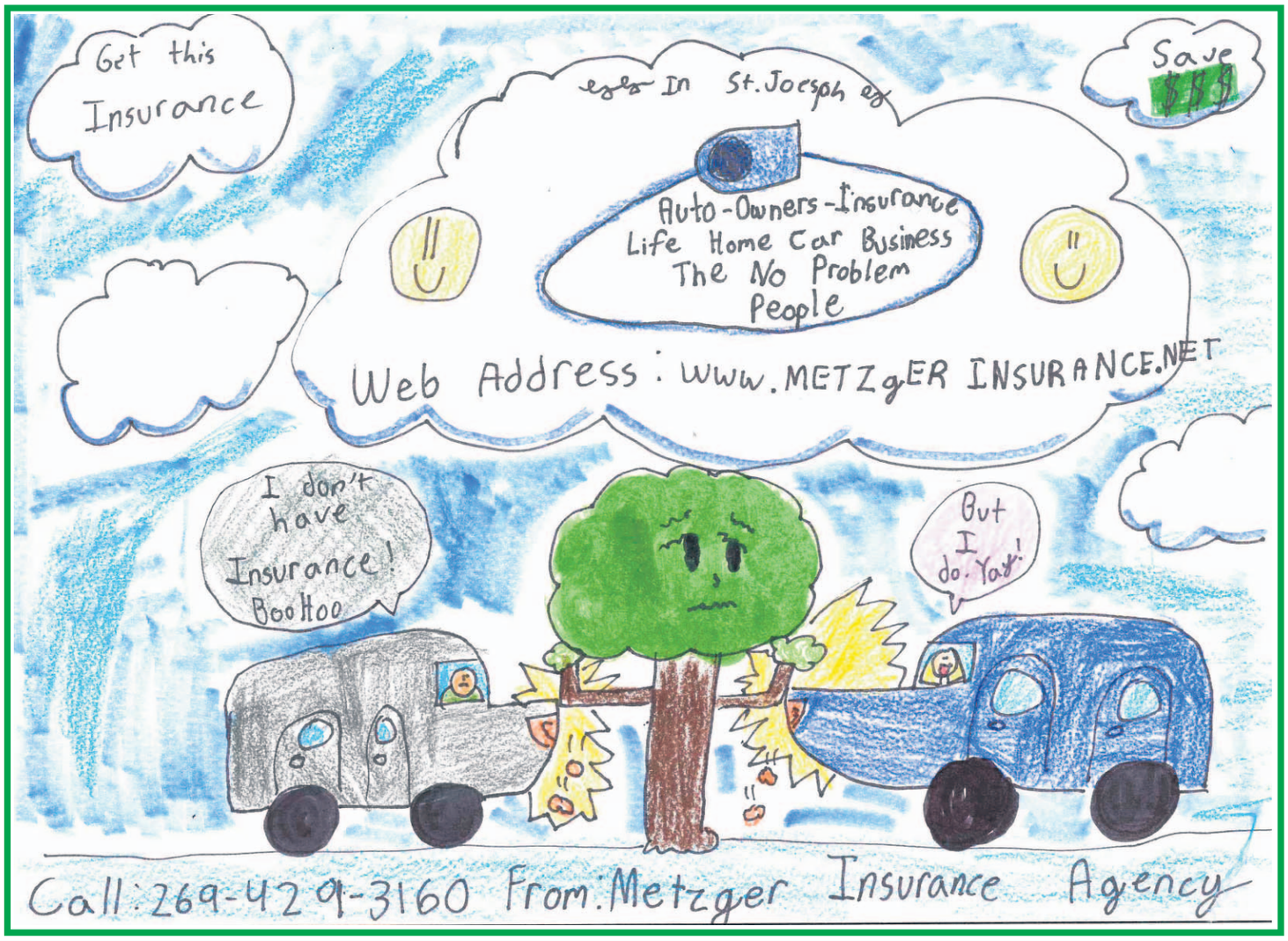
Abigail Robles

St Joseph Lincoln Elementary . Ms. Goniwiecha . 4th Grade



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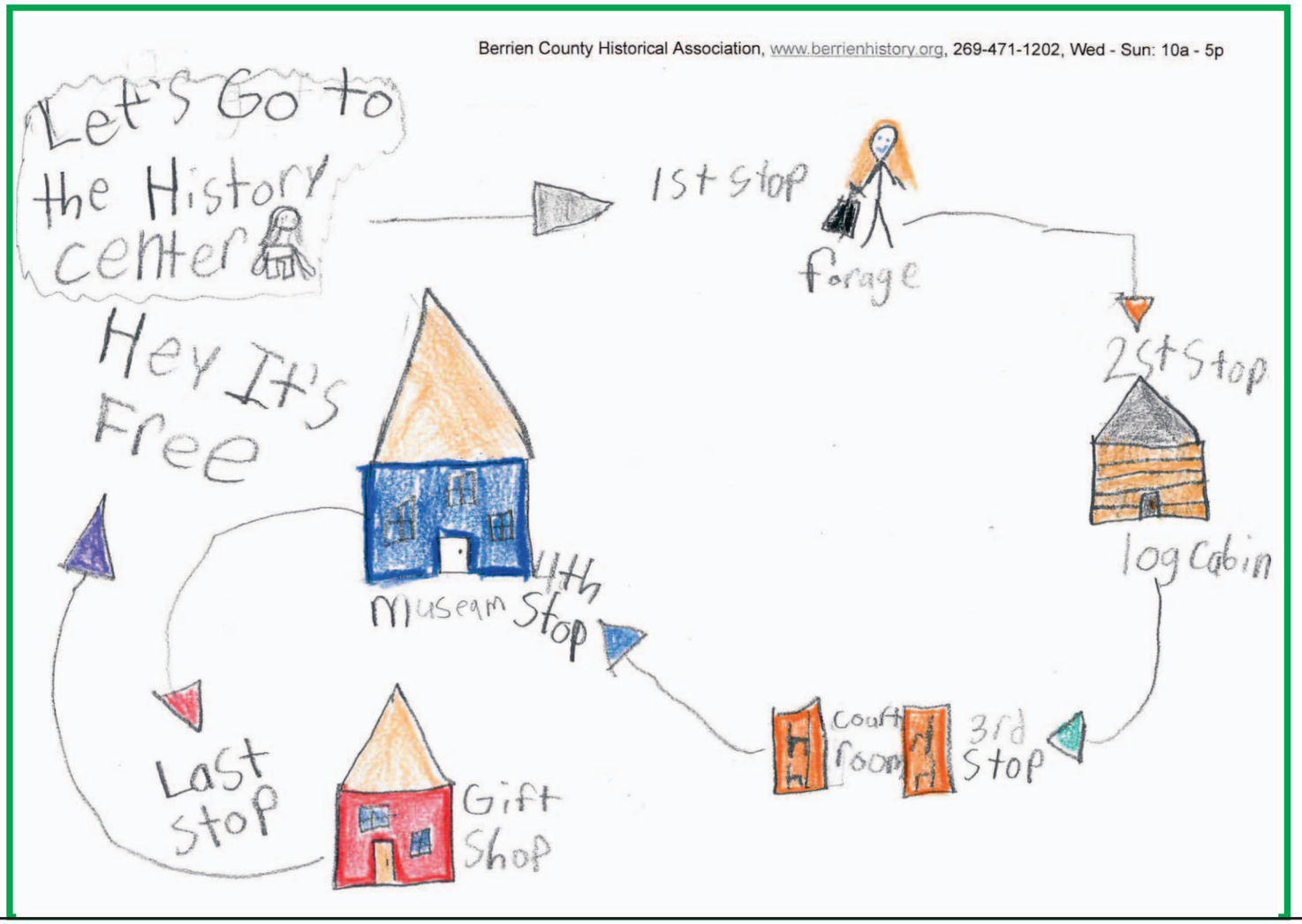
Payton Thompson

St Joseph Brown Elementary . Ms. Lear . 3rd Grade



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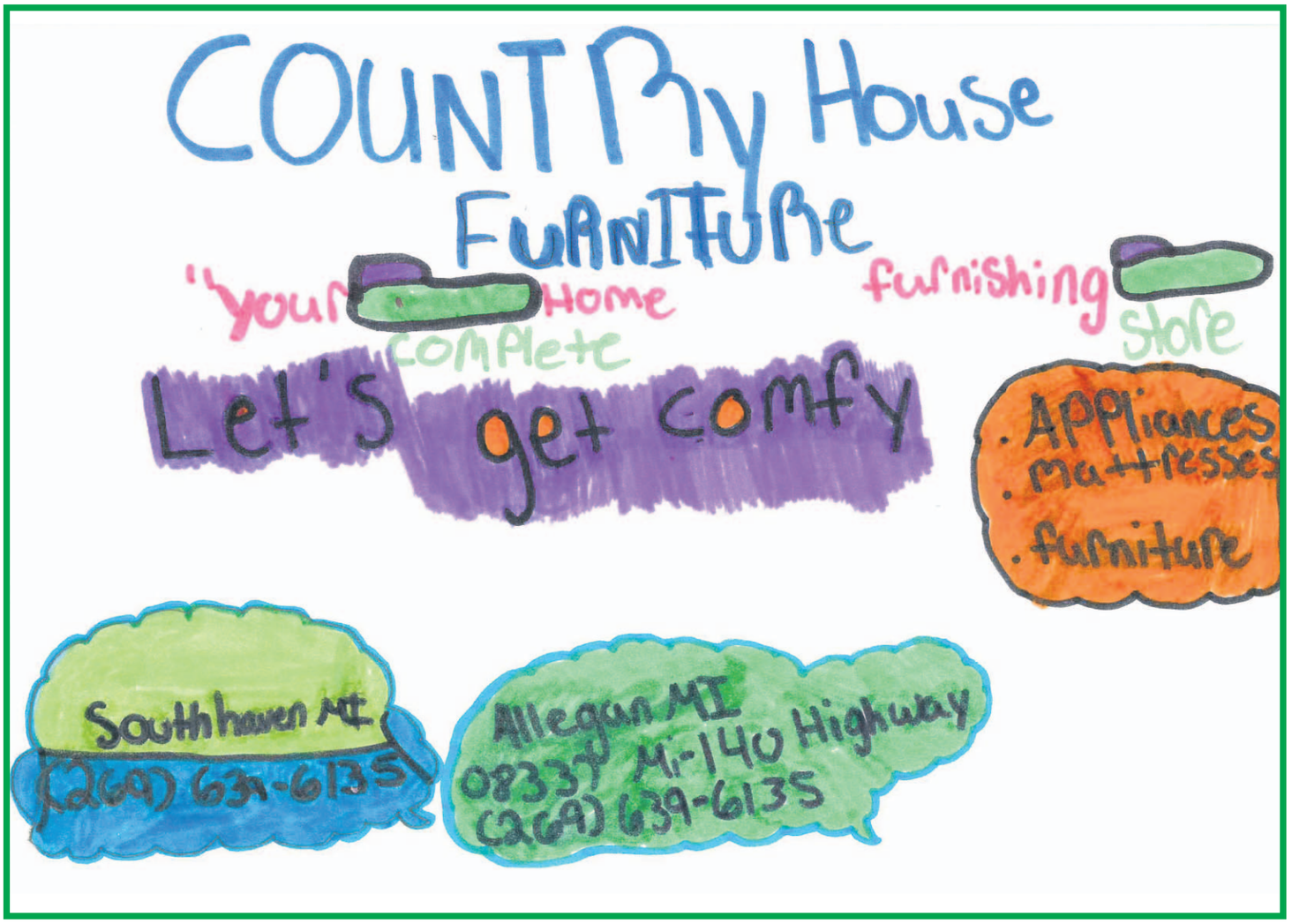

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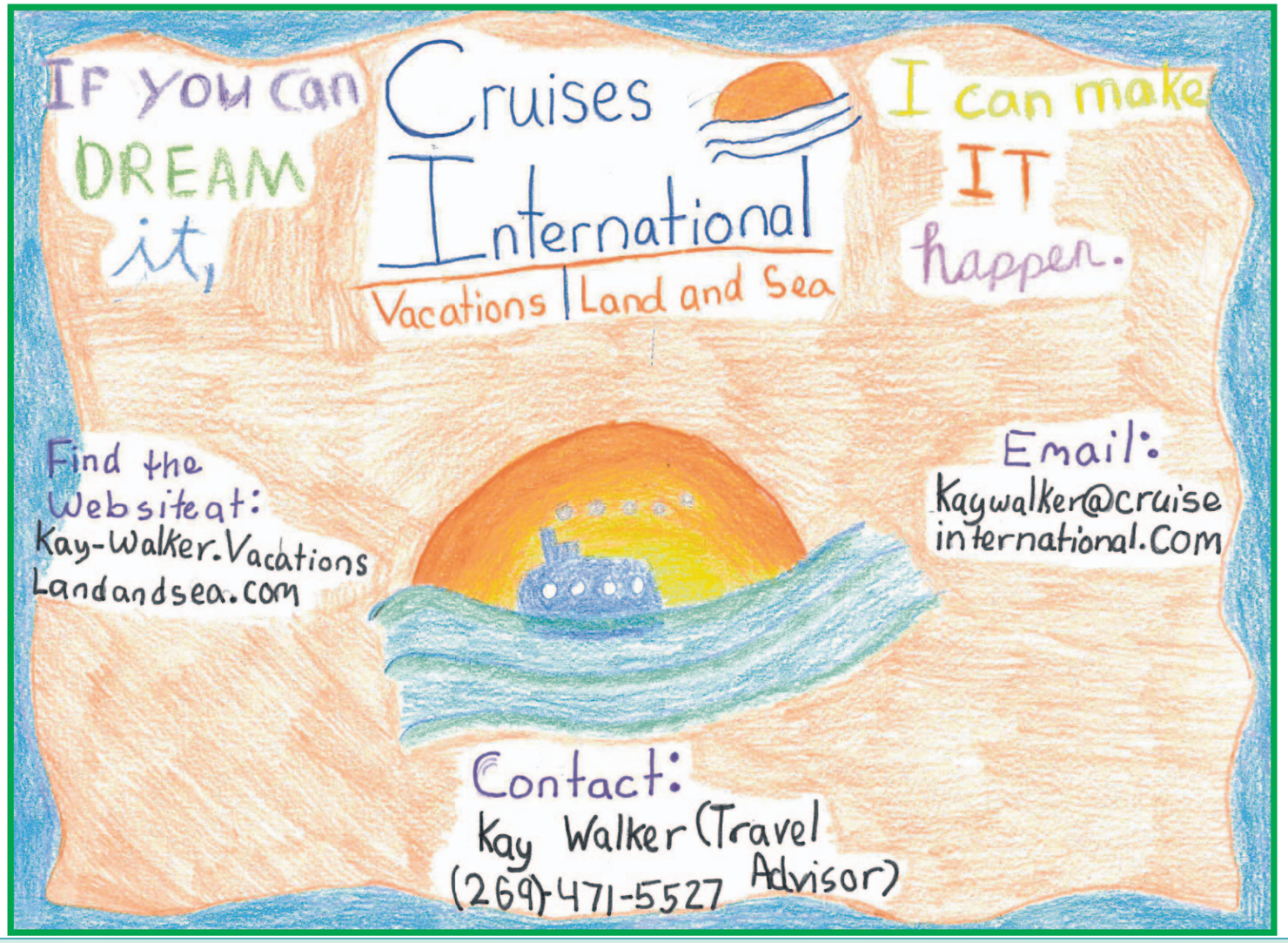

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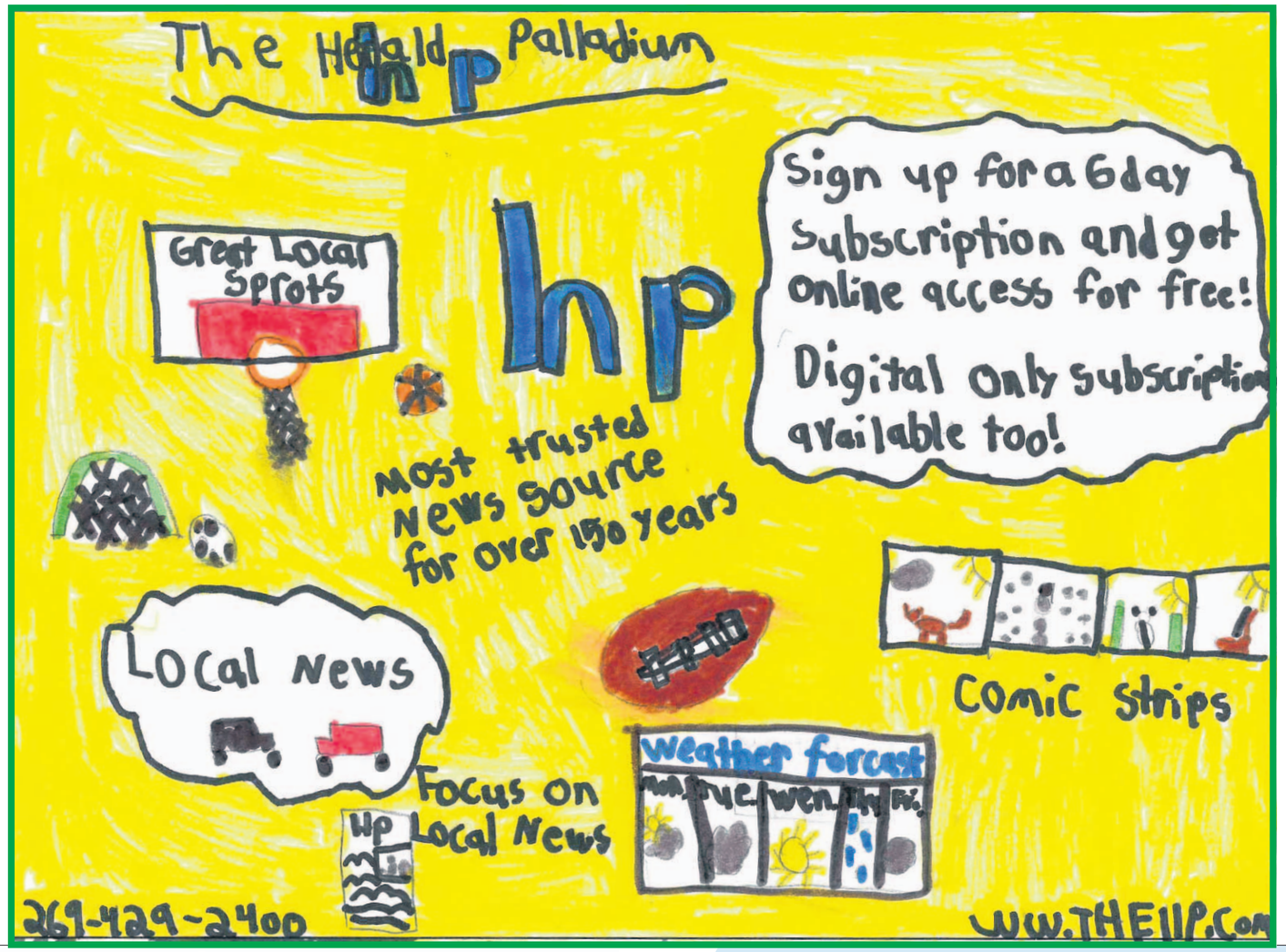

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